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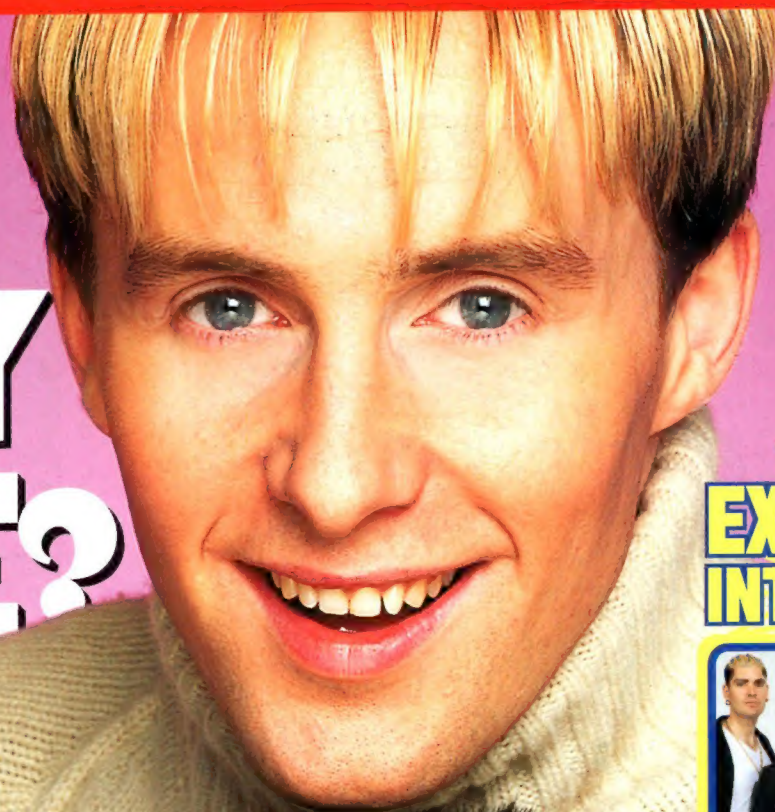
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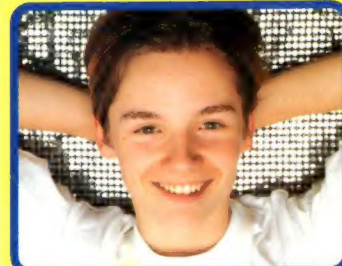
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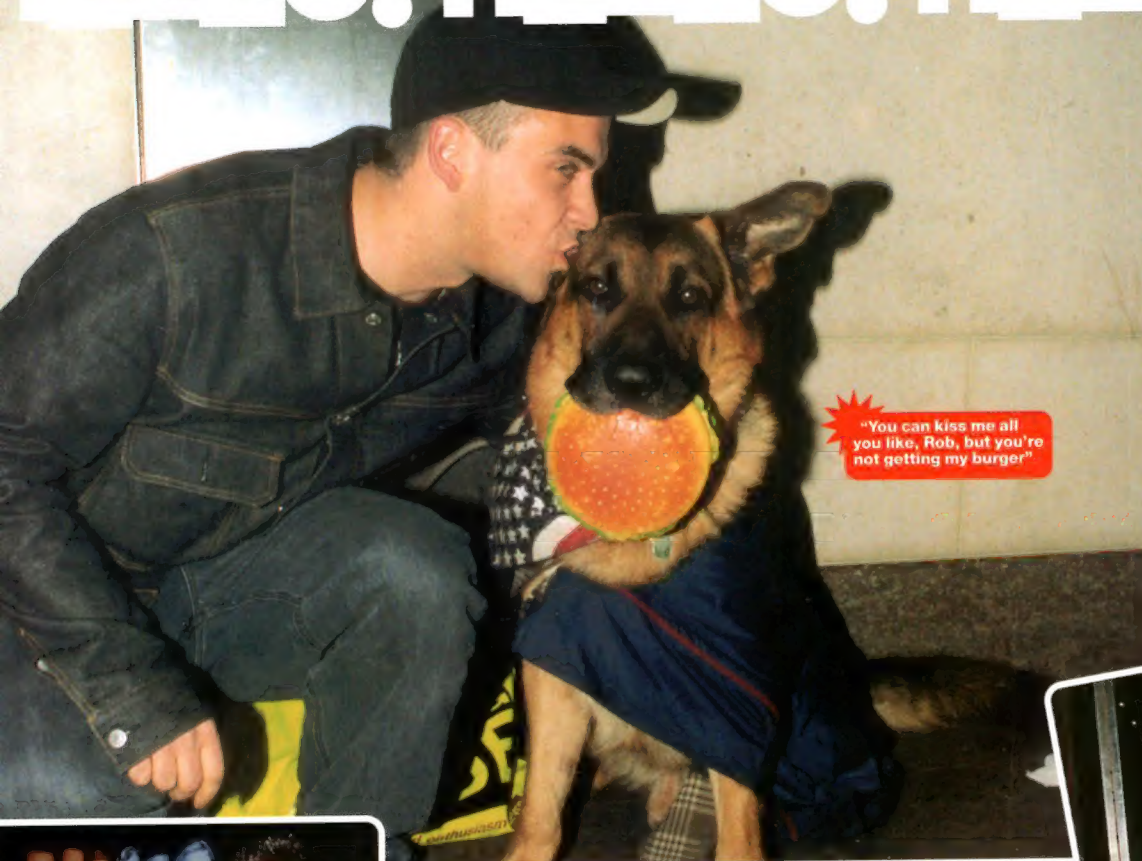


BOYZONE
on dodgy lyrics,
going bald and
rude bits!?!?



**JACK
RYDER**
What *is* he like?

NICKY WESTLIFE IN THE SACK



"You can kiss me all you like, Rob, but you're not getting my burger"



Christina enjoys a good hair day, but it looks like she's about to be showered in Aqualibra...



"Ha, ha! I can't believe what Christina's done to her hair!"



"Why must we work with this bunch of dummies?" The Spice Girls meet their waxworks

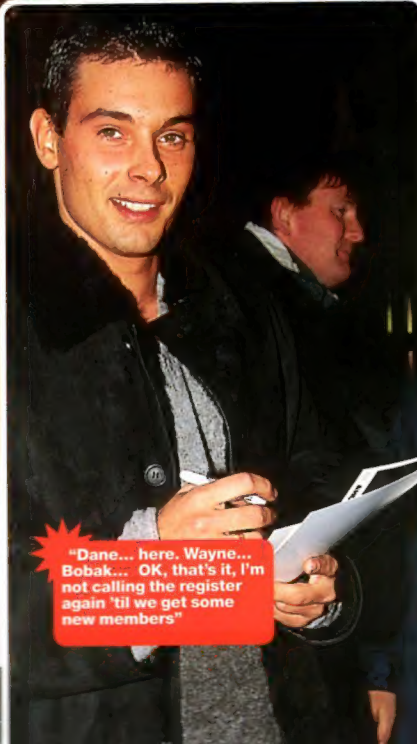


A comic kitten

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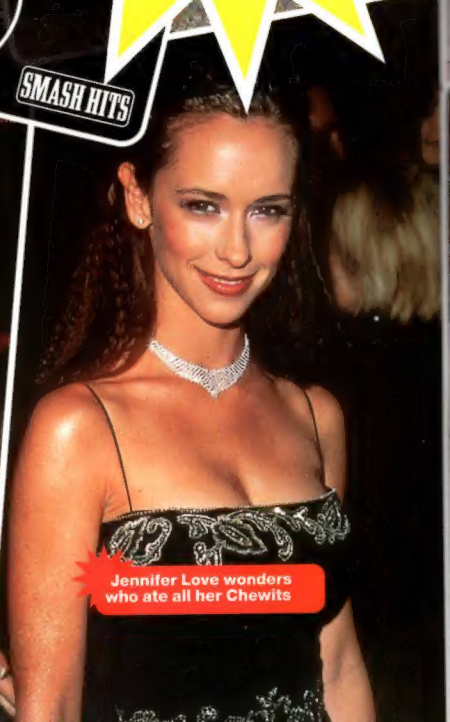
Geri's evil kidnappers finally let her go after getting their one million pounds



"Dane... here, Wayne... Bobak... OK, that's it, I'm not calling the register again 'til we get some new members"



Freddie Prinze Jr gets serious at the premiere of *The Talented Mr Ripley*



Jennifer Love wonders who ate all her Chewits



"...Ha! I'll save my hair from the frizzies with my special, yet strangely invisible umbrella..."



"...What are you looking at? Are you telling me it didn't work?"



HELLO!

John's bit at the front...

Some pop stars just won't listen. When **H Steps** told us his ultimate dream was to adopt a tiny puppy, we had to tell him, "Listen, oh Clown Prince of Pop, you're a globetrotting international megastar, you don't have time to look after a puppy." The fella said, "What if a *Smash Hits* reader helped me to look after it?" So, finally we gave in. If you win our extra special competition on page 45, you can help H to take care of his ickle pup all year long. Exciting, eh...

John X

PS: Did I mention that **S Club 7**, **Britney**, **Westlife**, **Boyzone** and **Jack Ryder** are in here too? I did? Good!



"And for my next trick, I'll make myself disappear" Ready when you are, Aaron!



"Bag roll, baby food, *Smash Hits*..." Ro checks off his shopping list



"Roll up, roll up - special offer! Buy my new video and get two Michaels for the price of one"

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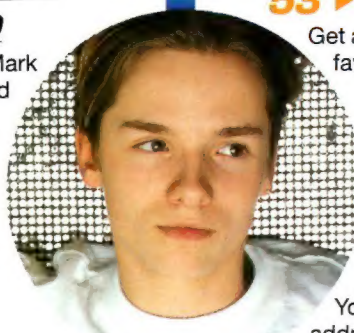
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FUN!

Leo was ready for his massage

LOOK WHO'S HERE!

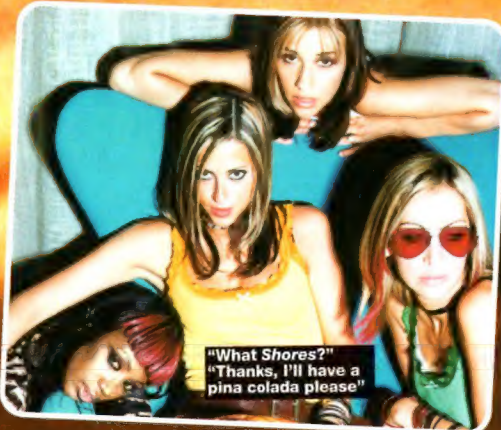
All Saints and Leo wash up on *The Beach*



Apart from a trillion tabloid tales, the last we heard from the Saints was the moody *War Of Nerves* in '98. Leo's last big role was in some film about a ship - also in 1998. Skip forward a millennium and they're all back, back, back!

The Beach, Leo's cool - often chilling - film is out on February 25, and after egging the flick we can confirm Leo's dead serious role requires him to spend most of the movie in his pants...

Meanwhile, you've probably already heard All Saints' slick new single *Pure Shores*, from *The Beach* soundtrack. *Pure Shores* is a sunny track, but as Shaznay told us, not everyone wanted an upbeat number: "The record company wanted another *Never Ever*," she smiled, "but unlike when I wrote that, I haven't just broken up with my boyfriend, and I'm not feeling like that just now!" Too right. Nice to have you all back.



"What Shores?"
"Thanks, I'll have a pina colada please"



Leo walked for ages trying to find the bait shop

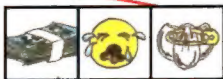


MEL G'BYE!

It's not just Mel and Jimmy who've been having a tough time. What with the splits, shootings, shoulders and sobbing!!!

SPLIT!

Pop's stormiest pair are heading for divorce after 16 months. They spent the festive season trying to patch up their differences, but the whole thing ended up in a mince pie fight. Friends reckon Jimmy is fed up with Mel's party-loving lifestyle and wants little Phoenix to be brought up out of the limelight. After a giant ruck Mel and Phoenix G jetted off on holiday to Singapore, leaving Jimmy to move out of their mansion. But will he pick up half of her £20 million fortune? And will OK! be paying for the pics of their divorce?



ANOTHER SPLIT!

Nat All Saint and Jonny Lee Miller (actor fella out of *Trainspotting*) have cooled off their relationship 'cos they reckon it was developing "too quickly". We reckon the Met Bar's glitziest regulars are just exhausted after eight months of hitting every swanky party on the planet!



MORE SPLITS!

Even before the baubles were off the tree, these relationships were heading for the treacherous rocks of the splitsville straits...

Nic All Saint and Max Beesley (who was later spotted giving Mel G a sympathetic shoulder to cry on)

Claire Steps and year-old (that's the relationship, not him) boyf Reece Hill The Beckhams - all right, so this one's made up, but after Vic revealed to the world that David liked wearing her "thong" undies round the house, he might be a tad upset!

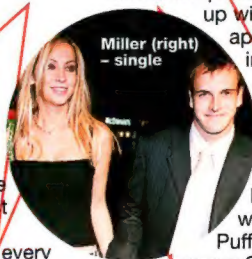
AND THERE'S MORE! SHOOTERS!

Looks like Sean 'Puffy' Combs and Jennifer Lopez's lurve thang has come to a fiery end after some scary goings-on down in their hood. Puffy and Jen were spotted leaving a New York nightclub after two people were shot inside, but when police caught



Puff & Lopez - over

Miller (right) - single



up with them later they apparently found a gun in their car! They were chucked in the cells overnight, and Jen sobbed her way through 14 hours of police questioning before being released without charge. But Puffy and his mate, rapper Shyne, are still in big trouble. Puffy's out on \$10,000 bail, but still faces a trip to court. "I had nothing to do with a shooting at this club and I feel terrible that people were hurt that night," said Puff. Now there's even more bad news for Puffy - it seems Jen's fed-up with his gangsta ways and has given him the elbow!



KEY TO SYMBOLS



MONEY TEARS NAPPIES COOLING OFF GUNS HAND-CUFFS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Squealing with delight at granny's special birthday jumper this fortnight...

Jan

- 27 Mark Owen 28
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- 28 Elijah Wood 19
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Feb

- 4 Natalie Umbrellastand 25
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POP LINKS

How did All Saints' *Pure Shores* end up on the soundtrack of Leonardo DiCaprio's brand new film? Maybe like this...



ALL SAINTS

...are an all-girl band as are...



...The Honeyz, who have changed their line-up like...



...Oasis, whose main man is Noel Gallagher, who is married to...

"WANNA GIVE MY FRIEND A HOME?"

WIN!

Win a pop star's teddy and raise money for charity!

WIN!

It's like a teddy bears' picnic in the *Smash Hits* office at the moment. So many of our fave popsters have sent us an ickle friend we can hardly move! That's why we're giving you lucky blighters the chance to give a pop star's ted a new home. Each of the hand-made cuties comes with a name tag signed by its old owners, and there's even a photo of bear and popster together just to prove who belonged to whom. Ahhh...



How do I get my paws on one?

Just ring the special phoneline, follow the spoken instructions, answer an easy peasy question (see below) and cross your fingers. And *all* the money made from the phonelines goes straight to Gilda's Club, an extra-special charity which offers support for people with cancer, their families and friends.

Steps

Complete the following song title: 5,6,7,?

Britney

How many awards did Britney win at this year's Poll Winners'?

Ronan

How many No1s have Boyzone had?

Five

Who won the Best British Band award at Poll Winners' 1999?

Westlife

How many brothers and sisters has Shane got in total?

Vengaboys

How many of the Vengaboys are actually boys?



Charlotte Church

How many singles has Charlotte released?

Mero

How many fellas are there in Mero?



Youngstown

Youngstown competed in the *Smash Hits* New Tour Act comp in nineteen ninety-what?



Lou Bega

Mambo number what?



Martine McCutcheon

What number did Mart's *Perfect Moment* reach?

Cerys Catatonia

Cerys hails from 1) Scotland 2) Ireland 3) Wales?

Tom Jones

Your mum probably fancies Tom Jones: 1) True 2) False

Just call 0906 8515585

and follow the instructions to win the bear of your choice. All the answers are numbers between one and nine (If not, you're wrong. Or we are...), so when you have to leave your answer, just dial the number on your phone. Smart! Lines close 23/2/00.

The bear facts: Calls cost 25p per minute, and all proceeds go to charity, but please still ask whoever pays the bill before you call!

Big up to: The Real Teddy Bear Co for providing the bears, and to Frontier Media for donating their proceeds from the phonelines to Gilda's Club.

If you would like information about Gilda's Club please call 0207 633 2320.

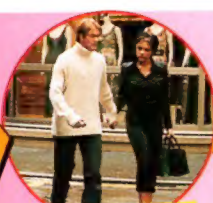


Here's one I made earlier...

H was so excited about being on the cover on his own for the second time, he even came in the office to help design it! Turn to page 42 to see what he was so excited about...



...Meg Mathews, often spotted shopping for baby clothes like...



...Posh & Becks who love going on holiday like...



...Vengaboys who've been to Ibiza where they went to...



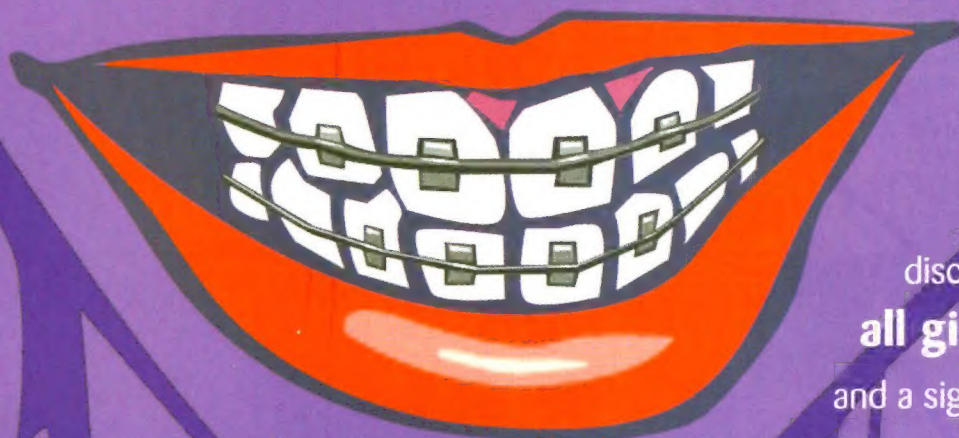
...The Beach, which is the new film starring...

LEONARDO

Everything's changing. School's getting harder, your parents still think you're a kid, the boy you fancy doesn't know you exist, and **to cap it all**, you've got to wear a brace in your mouth.

And if like **a lot of girls**, you are starting to experience some whitish stuff in your knickers, then telling you it's just another part of **growing up** isn't exactly going to have you jumping for joy.

Great.
As if it isn't hard enough to find something to smile about...



It's called Alldays and it's a discreet, new pantyliner made with a soft, breathable material. Unlike a pad you'd use for a period, it's **small and slim** enough to wear on days in-between periods. It's a simple way of keeping that **fresh-knicker** feeling any day.

Though natural discharge is something **all girls experience** and a sign that your body is healthy, it's nice to know that there is something that can **make a difference.**

O.K. It isn't the magic solution to everything, but at least it can make one worry **disappear.**



Little things can make a difference

FAVOURITES!

These are a few of **Mark Lev's** favourite things...

Pizza...
Pepperoni

Clothes shop...
Harvey Nichols, it's gotta be done.

Film...
Scarface

Flavour of crisps...
Salt & vinegar

Pop star...
I know it's unoriginal but it's gotta be the Backstreet Boys.

Colour of carpet...
Cream, but it gets dirty very easily.

Animal...
Lion

Memory...
Going to Disney World when I was about seven-years-old and meeting all the characters.

Saying...
"Are we there yet?"

Soap opera...
I love a bit of *EastEnders* every now and then.

Part of your body...
My smile.

Snog...
One I had about three weeks ago!

Board game...
Connect 4, I was always quite good at that!

IT'S A LOVE THING



This fortnight, German dancemeister Sasha! tells us his love! secrets!

Name
Sasha Lappessen

Age
29

First crush
What's a crush? (*SH explains*) Hmm, 12. It was a very nice girl who lived next door to me.

First full-on snog
It was actually the same girl. Her name was Sylvia. It happened in my parents' garden but they didn't catch us!

Last snog
This morning. It was with my girlfriend.

First love
I was 16 I think. She was lovely. But then I had loads of lovely girls! (*Oh yeah?*)

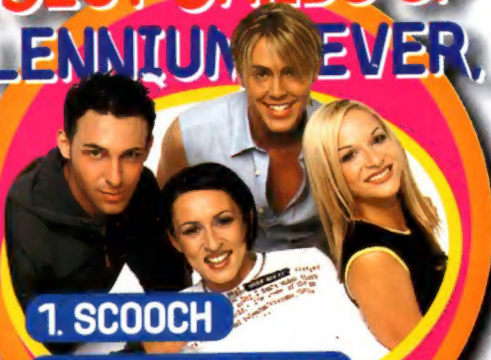
Most romantic thing you've ever done
God, that's hard. I'm not that romantic. I've given flowers but I think that's just normal. Once I arranged a candlelit dinner on a beach.

Worst thing you've ever done to a girlfriend
Once I split up with a girl and she begged me to take her back, but I just walked out and told her to forget it. That was the *hardest* thing I've done.

Ever snogged anyone famous?
Of course (*bit of a dark horse, this Sasha!*) but I'm not going to tell you who.

I'd love to snog...
At the moment, only my girlfriend.

THE UTTERLY, INDISPUTABLY, NO, REALLY, BEST BANDS OF THE MILLENNIUM EVER, SO FAR*



1. SCOOCH

2. POINT BREAK

3. JUSTIN

4. FRED & ROXY

5. SUPER FURRY ANIMALS

The papers have been jam-packed with millennium lists for months now. So we've decided to join in the fun and after carefully studying EVERY (yes, every!) record released this millennium, we've carefully compiled the definitive music poll of the millennium! Accept no substitutes!

*That's this millennium, of course - about four weeks folks!

GIRLS ON TV WITH LFO

Each week a member of top boyband **LFO** picks one of their fave laydeez and pop her on the box. This week Rich chooses... **SHANIA TWAIN**



SMASH HITS



POP PASSPORT

NAME: Donnel Jones

WELCOME TO PLANET POP!

Purpose of visit

My music is something you can put on to chill out to. I can give a lot of people what they've been missing - good R'n'B.

Full name

Donell Lamont Jones

Date and place of birth

May 22, 1973
Chicago, Illinois

Colour of eyes

Brown

Height

5ft 7in

Lives

In New York.

'Special' friend

Nope, but I'll be looking while I'm in the UK!

Family

Mum, dad and one older sister. She isn't in the music industry.

Pets

None. I want a dog though, a pug and I'd probably call it Squeaky!

Favourite food

I love buffalo wings.

First memory

At Christmas time I used to get loads of video games and stuff like that and spend all day playing them, never wanting to eat my Christmas dinner.

First taste of fame

I was in loads of talent shows and stuff like that when I was younger, singing and that.

Most famous person you've met

Madonna, she's lovely and easy to work with.

Favourite chocolate bar

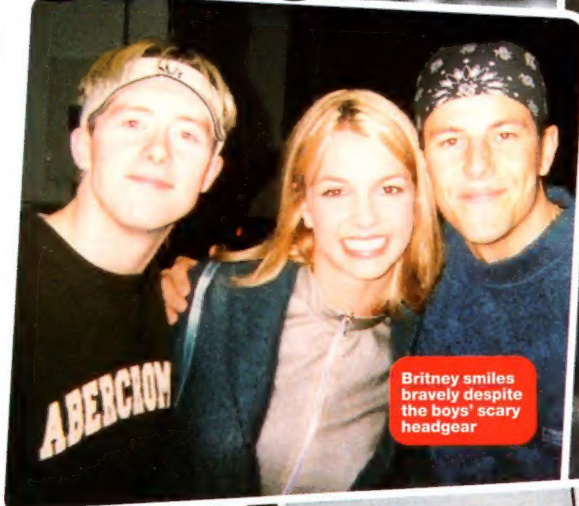
Twix.

Anything to declare

I've got a crush on Janet Jackson and would love to work with her one day!

SECRET SNAPS SPECIAL!

▶ Bumping into Steps after their well-earned Christmas break, they thrust a small package into our hands. "What's this?" we asked, "a late pressie or a bundle of crisp fivers to ensure your next single gets a good review?" But no! The truth was even better - copies of the Stepsters own private snaps they took backstage at last year's Poll Winners!



Britney smiles bravely despite the boys' scary headgear



Doh! Faye gets to grips with Homer J



Claire awaits the Optrex after the horrific grit-in-eye incident



Steps manager Tim Byrne hands H the magic passes for the aftershow party



"Tonight, I'll be mostly wearing... silver"

It's nervous smiles all round as the gang get ready to go on stage

JUST HOW TALL IS MACY GRAY



Yikes! very tall!



...And four more fascinating facts on the big-haired singer!

1. Some people compare Macy to Marge Simpson because of her high hair and little voice, but don't mess with her - she's 6ft 1in tall.
2. Macy was scared to speak when she was a nipper 'cos she thought her voice sounded funny, but soon got over it when she started to sing.
3. She's the funkiest

mum in pop with three children, Aanisah, Mel and, ahem, Happy.

4. Macy doesn't just sing. She's landed a swank modelling deal with Calvin 'posh undies' Klein too.

5. *I Try*, which comes from Macy's album *On How Life Is* has sold more than 500,000 copies - now she's hoping to repeat the success with her new single, *Still*.

SEPARATED AT BIRTH



Nick Carter



The Yetley Tea folk

A photograph of three young Black women, Aisha, Chantal, and Sabrina, posing together. They are all wearing black halter-neck tops and have their hair styled in long braids. They are smiling at the camera. The background is a plain, light color. The text 'Aisha, Chantal and Sabrina perk up at the offer of a Snickers' is printed in a small font over the bottom right of the image. At the very bottom, the words 'SWEET LIKE' are written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline, set against a pink background.

When we bumped into the Scooch lads the other day, poor David couldn't stop whinging 'bout his winter cold. "It's horrible," he said sniffing away, "there I am on stage trying to look sexy and do my dances, but every time I turn my head quickly, snot flies out!" Eugh!

"I can do better," interrupted Russ cheekily. "My mate got a new electric toothbrush for Christmas. Anyway he was really getting on my nerves so I put it down my trousers! (Shuddering) The thing is it got caught down there and I had to rip it out! God, did it hurt!" And does your 'mate' now know about where his toothbrush has been? "Erm... no." Eeeungh!

Er... thanks guys, but that was actually *More Than I Needed To Know* – which, by criminy, is the name of your new single! Jeeps!

What's your favorite candy? *Michelle* I love anything with chocolate and stuff...
Who has your heart? *Michelle* I love my boyfriend.
What's your dream guy? *Michelle* We haven't had a chance to talk to him because he's been in the hospital for a while. I'm hoping he'll come home and we can be together.
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Scooch – don't lend them your toothbrush

"What do you mean?"
 "Coming from his room. He locks himself in, and just stays there all night sometimes."
 "What does it smell like?"
 "Not like cigarettes anyway. It smells like grass. I can't believe my parents haven't smelt it. Actually, you know what? I bet they have."
 "They're probably in denial."
 "Yeah, you're right."
 "Don't you think you should tell your parents?"
 "They wouldn't believe me."



"So you're not gonna grass him up?"

"It's not funny."

"I know, I'm sorry, but it is only a bit of dope. I had a puff once."

"So? Weed can be just the start. Besides, this isn't a puff. It's every night. All night sometimes."

"I didn't realise he was that heavily into it, it must be costing him a fortune."

"Exactly. Where's he getting the money? And he's getting really forgetful, he's got his exams coming up too."

If you're concerned about a friend, a relative or just in need of some simple advice, call the National Drugs Helpline free on 0800 77 66 00. Lines are open 24 hours, seven days a week. All calls are treated in the strictest confidence.

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drugs
helpline**
0800 77 66 00



"Yeah, well regular smoking of that stuff causes all sorts of problems, not just mental health, but the tobacco can cause lung cancer too."

"I'm so worried about him, he's the only brother I've got, and this stuff could push him over the edge."

"Listen, like you say, he's your brother, but my advice is get some independent advice. Why don't you ring the National Drugs Helpline, perhaps they can come up with a better solution than knocking down his door."

GUESS WHAT WE HEARD...

MORE EXCLUSIVE GOSS FROM POP CENTRAL!

KITTEN LOVE

Soz, **Bryan** fans, but the news that the Westlife romeo is dating **Atomic Kitten's** Kerry, is in fact true. But a spooky confirmed that the relationship is not serious at the moment, "Bryan is too busy for a relationship right now. With his schedule he would find it hard to see anyone."

WEDDING BELLS?

What are these rumours doing the rounds about **Scott Five** getting hitched? Well, we can reveal that he and Kerry are very much together, but have no plans to get married. Phew!



DOLL DISASTER

We all love our **Britney** dolls, but Miss Spears wasn't happy with the original models. "I saw the first ones and I know I'm not the most beautiful thing in the world, but I was like, 'Ooh, I don't like the face,'" she said. So she insisted changes were made. "I felt a bit bad about it, but hey - it's my doll, I can do what I want."

WAG IT UP

It's not just **H** who's got a case of puppy love this fortnight - **Enrique Iglesias** has been going mad over his new dog. "He's called Grammy," he told us. "My record company gave him to me."



SEND MORE CAKE

Pop stars baking us cakes - it's the new craze for the new millennium. And first up were **Daphne & Celeste**. Not only did Celeste make us cakes, but the girls brought us the contents of their flat too. "We're moving out of our horrible, haunted flat," they explained. "And we've got all this stuff we can't be bothered to take home to New York, so you can keep it!" Cheers, girls. We're very pleased with our collection of freakish hats, goggles, bowls and a fascinating book of ancient Greek myths!!! Hey, pop stars - bring us more cakes and presents!

ROUND THE BEND

News reaches us from **S Club**-land about **Hannah's** driving disaster. The poor girl was struck down with the lurgy and had to cancel her driving test 'cos she was worried she'd cough at a crucial moment and crash the car! However, her housemate Sheridan is having better luck - she's set to play Our Anthony's girlfriend in *The Royle Family*.



HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW

EXCLUSIVE SCENES FROM THE NEW RICKY MARTIN FILM

The Latino sensation's made-for-TV movie, *Rickyworld*, follows his career from his humble beginnings as a boyband apprentice to international superstardom...

1 The young Ricardo's folks were so poor they sold their 10-year-old son into boyband slavery. His strict bosses wouldn't let him grow his hair properly, so Rick (left) used his fashion sense to invent a hairstyle that would later become known as the mullet.



Hi, we're Menudo and one day all boybands will dress like us

2 Menudo became huge after reinventing themselves as a heavy rock band and completed a sell-out tour of South America.



Rock your bon-bon, rock your bon-bon

3 When Ricky turned 18 his unique talent was spotted by a top Latino producer and he was groomed for superstardom with a punishing regime of bon-bon shaking lessons.



See you, losers. Oh, I mean, I'll never forget the special time we shared!

4 Ricky's career went from strength to strength and he finally achieved his two burning ambitions - to marry a beautiful blonde and grow a stunning mane of glossy hair.

That might be my daughter, but the teddy bear looks nothing like me!



5 But as Ricky became more famous, the pressure began to take its toll, turning his hair blond overnight.



Hey, evil Latino manager! Please give me a day off

6 Exhausted by the pressures of fame, Ricky hatched a plan to escape the evil clutches of his management.

Bye. I'm going to make my getaway on this hovercraft I've just invented



Please don't go, Ricky. I've even had my hair done like you!

7 Fortunately Ricky's manager persuaded him to change his mind at the last minute.



Stay. I've bought you this dog as a token of my appreciation

OK, I've got this great new idea for a song

And Ricky's biggest hit was born...

The dance goes a bit like this... "Livin' La Vida Loca"



ER, EXCUSE ME WE'VE JUST MADE IT ALL UP

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ANT AND DEC EXPLAIN IT ALL

The Geordie japesters get to grips with some confusing conundrums

▶ Why is Saturday morning TV on so early?

Ant: It's because if you think back to when you were a kid, you loved Saturdays so much you got up really early – so we try to come on as early as possible to please the kids.

Dec: I know it's early for a lot of people, but not for me and Ant! We're up at about 4am and we've already done a seven-mile jog before we get to the studio.

Ant: We often kayak to the studio along the Thames.

▶ Why did Mel C get her hair cut?

Ant: It was actually a freak gardening accident. Mel's very big on plum tomatoes – she's got this little cultivation down in Somerset. One day, she was going to spray some insecticide, but when she went to get the bottle down from the shelf, it fell on her head and bleached her hair a really bad colour. After that, she had to chop it all off.

Dec: That's the real reason she told us at *CD:UK*, but she said we can't tell anybody apart from *Smash Hits*, so you're lucky.

▶ Why did Melissa Joan Hart get hers cut?

Dec: Well, that was on my advice. After the last series of *Sabrina* ended I said, "Melissa, we all love you deeply – in fact, some love you more than others, like myself – but to be honest, your hair has got to go shorter." She always takes my advice so she was only too happy to chop it off. And now she's looking even more gorgeous than before.

▶ Why are there mice on London's Underground?

Ant: They can't afford taxis and the tube is the quickest way of getting

around London. Mice are very easily annoyed as well. They get terrible rodent rage – it's worse than road rage – so they have to get the tube.

▶ Why have Westlife had three number ones?

Ant: This is a bit bizarre. They were actually abducted by aliens and a bug was implanted in their heads to make them sing well and write great songs.

Dec: And also because they've been on *SM:tv* so much.

▶ Why are there seven people in S Club 7?

Ant: Because they've got a seven-seater Renault Espace van and they thought it would be easier to pay the petrol bills if they filled up all the seats. They're a very cost effective band. Plus, S Club 8 sounds crap!

▶ How come Newcastle are being beaten by their arch rivals Sunderland in the Premiership footie table?

Dec: Ah, well you see, this is a conspiracy. We've just been giving Sunderland something to hope for because they haven't had a lot recently. And it was actually getting a bit boring because Newcastle were so much better than them

every year, so the Government said if we give them one good year they'll be happy for the next 10.

Ant: It's going to make it all the more sweet when we qualify for the Champions' League next year and they go down.

▶ Where does the internet live?

Dec: In the sky. It's a huge web that holds up the world. (*Mystically*) It's the web of lies and mistruths...

Ant: And only basketball players can touch it because they're so tall.

"Mel C had a freak gardening accident"

all saints
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UH-OH, LOOK WHO'S HERE...

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT
IT WAS SAFE TO GO
BACK IN THE CHARTS...

PHOTO TOM HOWARD



"We're back!"

cried Lene, as she bounced through the door with her bonkers bandmates. "And just in time, too!" 'Scuse us, Lene? "We've come to put a bit of colour back into Planet Pop – save you from all those boring boybands!"

Yup, the charts have become a quieter place in the 18 months that Aqua have been locked away writing their brand new album, *Aquarius*. But if you think René, Lene, Søren and Claus might have mellowed out and, well, grown up in the years since *Barbie Girl*, think again! With intergalactic adventures, spaceships (made out of old bits of car) and naff looking monsters, even Aqua's videos are as insane as ever. In fact, the only difference, as Claus points out is that, "we spent a lot more money this time!"

Of course, Aqua have been up to more than just recording in the last year and a half. And considering what Lene was saying about boybands... didn't she have a bit of a fling with Bryan Westlife? "Yes, while he was in Norway for an award show." Oops! Lene doesn't look too pleased to be reminded of it! "It was only for one or two days, but he's been telling people we went out for a month! (Frowning) Next time I see Bryan I will have to give him a shake!" (Er, don't think she means a milkshake – Ed)

Whatever went on in Norway, it's fantastic to see the Aqua posse back on form, but there's something we must clear up... A lot has happened since Aqua put Denmark on the musical map and made colourful cartoon pop acceptable again. To be more specific, one thing has happened – one terrible, terrible thing... So Aqua, are The Cartoons your fault? Aqua? Oh, they've gone again...

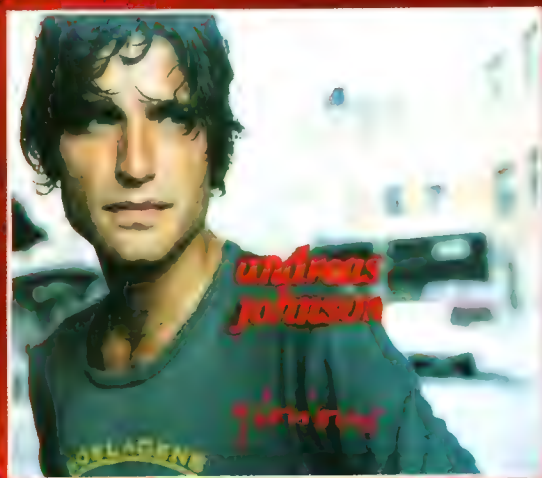


Left to right: Søren, Lene, Claus and René



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Now you're 18, are your thoughts turning to marriage and stuff like that?

Marriage? Oh yeah! There'll definitely be a time when I'll settle down with three kids and a husband and a big, beautiful home. I'll still want to go out and perform, but when I do have kids I want to be a mother to them. I don't want to leave them and be on the road *all* the time.

You were photographed with Robbie Carrico at your birthday party... Is he a potential husband?

(Laughing) No, he's not my boyfriend, he's just a really good friend of mine. When he was opening up for me on tour (with his band, *Boys And Girls United*), we hung out a lot, we really vibed off each other and it was cool to have someone there who understood what I was going through. So for my party I was like, it's my birthday, we're really good friends and I don't care what everyone thinks. But everyone was like, "Are you going out?" and I was still like, "No! We're just friends!"

It's normal for teenagers to date for a couple of weeks, break up, and a week later be dating someone else. Does being in the spotlight stop you doing that?

(Giggling) I never really did that in high school. I'm the type of person that, once I find a guy, I'm gonna be with him for a while. I'm not the type of person who'll have a two-week relationship here and a two-

"I don't want people to waste their money taking me on dates!"


week relationship there – if I'm not really interested, I don't want people to waste their money taking me on dates! Y'know what I mean? I know right away if I'm into someone.

Before you, Billie won a lot of the same awards at the Poll Winners', but in 1999 she didn't do so well, maybe because she started dating Rich from Five.

Does that concern you at all?

I don't know. If I was in a similar situation then I'm the type of person who would say, "This is me and if you like it, you do and if you don't, you don't." I'll just accept that. But I feel sorry for Billie. It's kind of sad that someone's fans would turn on her just because she's in love with somebody.

Let's end on a happy note. Are you quitting school now you're 18?

(Giggling) No, I'm still studying. I'm going to the University of Nebraska which is for high school students who travel. I don't have a tutor on the road with me and I used to get really upset 'cos I had to learn algebra and geometry and everything myself and it was really, really hard. All the dancers were mucking around doing whatever on the bus and I was just sitting there with my books! 

"This is me, if you don't like it, tough!"



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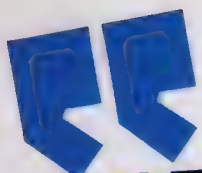
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WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW THAT!?!?



SHANE:
"I'd be a
quite a cool
grandad!"

WORDS ALEX NEEDHAM
PHOTO DAVID TITLOW

In the last millennium, Boyzone were asked every question known to man, but for the year 2000 we found eight more...

Q If someone shouted, "Stop, thief!" would you try and stop them?

Shane: I'll try!
Mickey: If there was something I could do, I'd help.
Keith: If I didn't know the guy I would! I wouldn't run after him but if he was running past me I'd kick my foot out and trip him up.
Shane: No. There's an award getting yourself killed, that's what that law is there for. They're the guys who know what they're doing.
Ronan: I think about this a lot, I'd like to think that I would. If I saw someone robbing a handbag, I would go after them. With a reason.

Q If Boyzone were trapped on a desert island, who would you eat first?

Stephen: I'd eat Shane. I'm a cannibal. That's what I am. I wouldn't eat Keith because he's just too young.
Mickey: I'd eat a teenage boy. I'm sure a teenage boy is full of Keith's essence.
Keith: I'm vegetarian so I wouldn't eat any of them.
Shane: (Only joking) I'd eat the sand.
Ronan: Whoever had the most meat on them. I'd have to be Shane or Keith.

Q Which member of Boyzone gets the front seat in the bus?

Stephen: I would, but mostly I'd because I can't breathe in the back. But sometimes sitting in the back is a bit of a pain because you can't hear the conversation going on with the other boys.
Mickey: Whoever? (Laughs) Keith. Keith usually gets the front seat because I've got the longest legs. But if someone else has the front seat I'll just sit in the back.
Shane: Usually me, actually. I can run faster than everyone else!
Ronan: Usually Mickey gets the front seat, but often Keith gets it.

Q What did you call your private parts when you were little?

Mickey: (Surprised) It was just my willy.
Keith: My willy would I call it that!
Ronan: I didn't have a name for them. I didn't know what they were. (Mickey) I Was Very naive.



MIKEY:
"I'd take a couple of slices out of Keith's ass"

RONAN:
"I would go on a suicide mission to save the planet!"

Q If you were going bald would you wear a wig?

Stephen: No, I'd shave it off or wear a hat or something. I've never known anyone who's worn a wig, apart from Des O'Connor!
Mikey: I wear one anyway! No, I wouldn't wear a wig. I'd probably just surrender to it gracefully. When it's gone there's nothing you can do about it.
Keith: No, I'd definitely shave it off.
Shane: Put it this way, if you were going bald, would you wear a wig?
Ronan: No, I'd shave it all off. I'd go for the Jean-Luc Picard (*Star Trek's* bald-as-a-coot captain) vibe, big time! Wigs look horrendous, so does a hair weave!

Q Would you volunteer for a suicide mission to save the planet?

Mikey: That's be quite a hard one because the planet wouldn't be the same without me! Yes I would, no problem. You'd have to, wouldn't you?
Keith: No, I'm not Bruce Willis. I'd leave it to someone qualified for the job.
Ronan: Yeah, absolutely! I'd save the planet! *Armageddon* is one of my favourite movies!

Q What will you be like in 50 years time?

Stephen: Well, they say people shrink when they get older so if you see me let me know! I'd like to have a mansion in the Caribbean, New York or L.A. I'd like one in an Ireland as well, but I wouldn't be an old Irish guy in the pub with no money!
Mikey: I'll be 77. I'd like to think I'll be very successful, still married to one woman, with plenty of kids and grandkids and a well-respected name in the entertainment industry.
Keith: If I'm still alive I'll be wrinkly! I hope I won't be a grumpy old man, but it could happen, 50 years is twice my lifetime already so who knows? I'll probably be dead because I do like a drink and the odd cigarette!
Shane: I have no idea! I'd never be a grumpy old man, I'd be quite a cool grandad.
Ronan: I often ask Yvonne if I'll be wearing Farah slacks (*sensible '70s trousers*) and dodgy jumpers. I'd like to think I'll be wearing jeans and good shirts. I'd like to be a cool older man. I hope I won't be too unlike I am now.

Q What's the worst Boyzone lyric ever?

Stephen: Um, "Don't love me for fun girl?" I don't really know.
Mikey: "So I just bit on my lip and my face began to frown" from *Key To My Life*. That's the first thing that occurred to me!
Keith: How long have you got?!"
"We're going to be so good," what a load of rubbish! "We're going to be so good/Like only we could/Like you know we would," it was written because it rhymed not because it meant anything.
Shane: I don't know, all our songs are great, aren't they, hahaha!
Seriously, I'm happy with everything we've done.
Ronan: So *Good* doesn't have a massive lyrical content – "It's gonna be so good/Like I knew we would/If only we could." (Shakes his head.)

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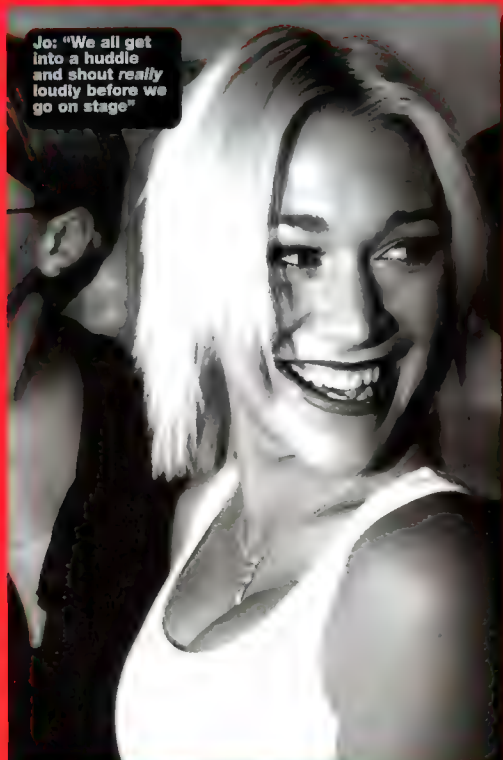
Tina: "We used to get really embarrassed changing in front of each other, but we don't even think about it anymore. It's so natural for us to just strip off in front of each other!"



Bradley: "Jon takes the longest to get ready out of the boys. He's always in front of the mirror doing his hair!"



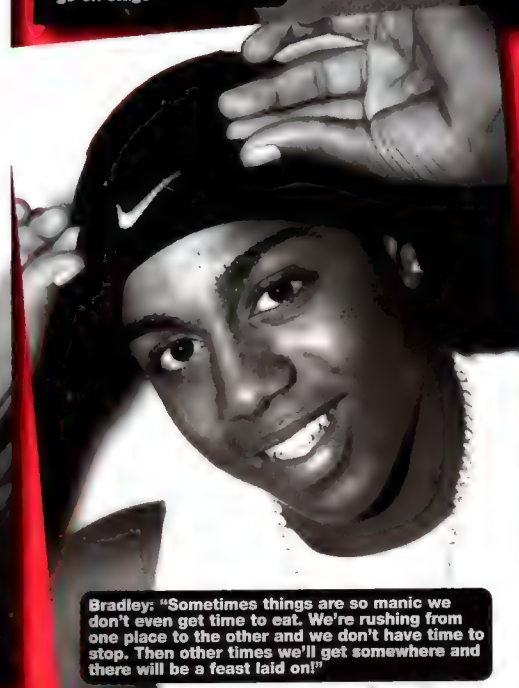
Hannah: "The best thing about being backstage somewhere is waiting to go on stage"




Jo: "We all get into a huddle and shout really loudly before we go on stage"




Paul: "We always get coffee wherever we go 'cos we're always exhausted"




Bradley: "Sometimes things are so manic we don't even get time to eat. We're rushing from one place to the other and we don't have time to stop. Then other times we'll get somewhere and there will be a feast laid on!"




Paul: "I never share a car with Bradley on the way to a gig if I'm tired. You can guarantee you won't get any sleep because he always takes over the stereo and plays his music really loud"




Jon: "We once had cars full of journalists and fans following us in cars on the way to a gig. It was terrifying!"



Hannah: "Things can get really mad at times. I once had three people doing my hair and make-up at the same time to make sure I was ready to go on stage when they called us"



Jo: "We once had to share a dressing room with Aqua and all these old men in L.A. We didn't know what they were doing there, but then we found out that they were the chefs of the venue just taking a break!"



Rachel: "We never ogle the boys when they're getting changed. We've seen it all a million times!"

WE'VE GOT MAIL!

HANGIN' WITH THE STARS!



Steps by
Kaeley Leng,
South
Yorkshire



Geri Halliwell by
John Robertson,
Lumbarton

**DODGY
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ALERT!**

MEL C ROCKS!!!

Dear John,
I'm a huge Melanie C fan. I just want to say Mel C is fantastic. Mel C is brilliant. Mel C is wonderful. Mel C is cool. Mel C rocks. Mel C is fab...
Chloe Ghosh, Manningtree
This is one of many letters we've had about the Spice Girls, since Mel did badly (or is that well?) in some of the Worst categories. Many people have pointed out that Mel was No2 in the Best Indie/Rock Act and how good the pre-Christmas Spice gigs were. And I agree!

LOOK AT THIS, AD!

Dear John,
A few days ago there was a knock at my door and who should it be? None other than Adam Rickitt. He was really depressed after leaving Corrie because he could no longer swap fashion tips with Hayley. So I sorted him out a new image. What d'ya think?
Diane Wagg, Stoke-on-Trent
Cool. Now what are you gonna do to Jack Ryder?



THE SILLY LETTER REMIX

Dear John,
After looking through my CD collection the other day, I really need a question answered: why do pop stars give the remixes of their songs such bonkers titles? Here are just a few I have come across:
Ace of Base - Milk Long Edit
Paul Johnson - Choo Choo's Subcriminal Mix
Clock - Everybody Jump Around Two To Ten Mix

But I think B★Witched really take the (dog) biscuit with their Dog In The River mix of C'est La Vie. Please give me £20 to go towards my fund to copyright such names as Squid In A Conservatory Mix and Horse Manure On The Pond Mix if only for the sake of popsters everywhere!
Karen Rogers, Southampton
What about the Buy This Record - Smash Hits Ed Doesn't Sing On It Mix? Catchy, eh?

POP PENPALS POP PENPALS

Fancy finding a Pop Penpal? Wanna swop gossip and posters? Then get scribbling to Pop Penpals at the normal *Smash Hits* address on page 54

*76 Michael Fan

I'm 12-years-old and looking for a penfriend aged between 11 and 15. I like Michael Owen, Steps, Five and loads more. A reply is guaranteed so get writing soon.
Kirsty, 12, South Staffs

*77 Beanie Baby Collector

I'm looking for a penpal of any age. My hobbies are swimming, collecting Beanie Babies and listening to Steps, S Club 7 and B★Witched. My favourite star is Geri.
Paul, Lancashire

*78 Welsh Nutter

Fancy writing to a Welsh nutter? I'm 13, into all kinds of music, shopping and going to the cinema. My fave bands are A1, Five, Westlife, Dru Hill, Stereophonics. If you're between 12 and 15 and looking for a chatty mate, get scribbling now!
Lucy Sheehan, 13, Wales

*79 Geri Mad

Are you mad on Geri and love the world of pop? Then you're the right person for me! It doesn't matter if you're male or female, but you must be aged 11-14, write now.
Sammie-Jo Leach, 13, Dorset

*80 Secret Teller

I'm hunting for a penpal, any age, any sex to tell all my secrets to. I love all music, from '80s love songs to '90s techno. I especially like the Backstreet Boys. I don't care what your interests are, as long as you love having a laugh, get scribbling!
Charlene, 13, Kent

*81 Scottish Storyteller

I like pop music, computers, reading and writing short stories, Steps, S Club 7 and Adam Rickitt. I'd like a penpal with the same interests, aged 13-16.
Darren Jackson, Glasgow

*82 Wacky Westside Lover

I'm mad about Westlife and looking for a penpal to have a laugh with. So if you want to swop Westlife info, write to me.
Pauline, 13, Scotland

*83 Barmy Over Byker Grove

Hil! I'm looking for a penpal aged 11-14 who adores Westlife, Five and Byker Grove. I'd love lots of penpals so I'll reply to every letter.
Alexandra Cook, 13, West Midlands

*84 Football Fan

I love playing and watching football. I also like Robbie Williams, The Vengaboys and Shania Twain. So if you like any of those things (or not!) and you're a girl aged 11-13 then get scribbling!
Kate Shropshire, 12, Staffs

*85 Heaps Of Penpals Wanted

I love Ant and Dec, Westlife and 911. I'm looking for heaps of penpals to write to, especially from Essex and Suffolk. So if like me you're a huge fan of any of the above and aged 16 and over then put pen to paper.
Gemma Lawrence, 18, Essex

BIGGEST SH FAN EVER?!?

Dear John,
I reckon I must be the number one *Smash Hits* fan because I've got over 100 magazines plus 200 posters, all the prizes and all the Songwords Cards so far and I've included a picture to prove it!
Priya Mistry Carter, Enfield
Ber-limey! You're good! Can anyone do better?



PARTY LIKE IT'S 1997

Dear John,
I bet you're wondering where all the missing pop stars are. Well, I was on my way to school the other day when I saw Peter Andre, Louise, Aqua, Cleopatra, Ultra and Hanson sitting in a café, drinking tea and reading the papers. I begged them to come back to pop, but they

ignored me. Please will you give me £20 so I can tempt them to come back soon.
Sally, Rossendale
Didn't you read our 21 Things For The 21st Century feature last issue? They're all on their way back!

I SYNC THEY'RE GREAT!

Dear John,
I am getting really annoyed with the amount of people who write in to *Smash Hits* and say 'N Sync are just copying the BSBs. 'N Sync are the coolest pop group around. But just because I like 'N Sync, it doesn't

If you want to reply to any of the above penpals follow these simple steps:

- 1 Mark the number of the penpal you want to write to on the front of your envelope, with your letter to them inside.
- 2 Only write to one penpal per envelope.
- 3 The closing date for replies for these tags

penpals is February 9, 2000.

4 Your letter will then be forwarded to your penpal. Good Luck!

Due to an overwhelming response and limited space, *Smash Hits* is sorry but not all the Pop Penpal letters can be printed. Please note that any letters not clearly marked will be lost.



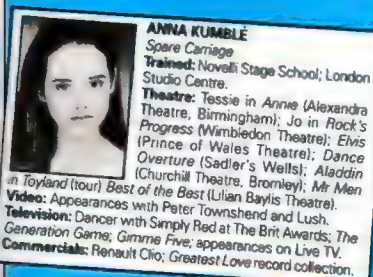
Welcome to the letters page. Here I am with Daphne & Celeste having polished off all the cakes they made for us. Send us your thoughts, gossip, jokes, rants and ravings, snaps, doodles etc, to: **Dear John, Smash Hits Letters Page, Mappin House, 4 Wineley Street, London W1N 7AR.** You can email us too: **smash_hits@ecm.emap.com** Oh, and if your letter's printed you get a **Smash Hits** pen and the best letter gets £20 and £40 worth of **Bootleg** vouchers


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GOOD GOLLY! IT'S LOLLY!

Dear John,
Guess what? I know Lolly's secret identity! I recently read an interview where Lolly said she used to be in *Starlight Express*. Well, I went to see



Starlight Express about three years ago so I looked out my old programme and what a shock I got when I saw...

Naetia Elliott, West Croydon
Ber-limey, we were going to reveal Lolly's name letter by letter but then some rotter in a newspaper beat us to it. And now you! Sorry, Anna, I mean Lolly.

mean I hate the BSBs, they're really good too.
Laura, Kent

I DON'T SYNC SO!

Dear John,
'N Sync are total losers. They sound exactly like the Backstreet Boys. Joey tries to look like Kevin and Justin tries to sing and act like Brian. Pineapple's hair looks stupid and JC acts like a donkey. 'N Sync, get your own image and write some decent songs!

Natalie, Lincoln
Hmm... looks like this one will run and run. But I want to know who your fave Backstreet Boy is! And is there anyone out there who wants to stick up for Pineapple?

BEN'D OVER?

Dear John,
A crisis has occurred! Ben A1 has the same trainers as me and I hate A1. He has worn them in loads of *Smash Hits* pictures and it's sooo annoying. Please give me £20 to buy a new pair.

Orlaigh Wallis, Galway
Oh, c'mon Orlaigh leave ickle Ben alone! Does anyone else dress like a pop star? Of course, if you like Westlife, you'd better get some Gucci shoes to wear...

'STEPS SHOULD BE STEAMROLLERED!'

Dear John,
I think Steps should go back where they came from. A steamroller running

over a cat makes a better sound. I've never seen Oasis on the cover of *Smash Hits* and they are very cool.
Daniel Brown, Grimsby
Oasis have actually been on the cover of *Smash Hits* three times. And when did you last hear a record of a steamroller and a cat anyway? Luckily, H and his pup didn't come anywhere near a steamroller!

OI DAD, NO!

Dear John,
Please help. My dad has a classic case of mulletitis, an extremely rare condition of having a mullet. I am so embarrassed I cannot be seen with him. Please send me £20 so I can take him to the hairdressers.
Eleanor Reeve, Birmingham

OI, DAD, NO! PART II

Dear John,
Help me please, my dad's gone totally mad! I was watching S Club 7's *S Club Party* video on TV when my dad came in with a plastic horse on his head and starting dancing to it! Have aliens taken his brain or something?
S Club fan, Liverpool
Count yourself lucky! My dad hasn't even heard of S Club 7 or Steps! And he says he doesn't know how to spell Britney! Gadzooks! Anyone else suffering from embarrassing dad-itis?

'LOVE LETTERS? EURGH!'

Dear John,
I think some girls can be really foolish when it comes to their fave boybands. Some even send love letters to the

lads telling them how much they love them. This is obviously a waste of time. Don't they know these boys have girlfriends? All they care about is that the fans keep buying their albums. They don't care that you love them or want to marry them. Isn't it good enough just to listen to their music?

Jaclyn Leong, Malaysia
How can you say love letters are useless? I sent one to Christina Aqualibra and the response should be here any minute. I said, any minute...

"I DON'T LEV 'EM ANYMORE!"

Dear John,
I was heartbroken when I heard Bobak had left Another Level. I first saw Another Level when they came to my school and I have been a true fan since then. Mark is my favourite, but now Wayne and Bobak have left things will never be the same again. I have supported them for the past 22 months, but now Another Level have let me down. I don't want £20. I just want Dane, Wayne, Mark and Bobak back together again.
Paveena, Essex
Does anybody else feel differently? Or have Dane and Mark gone down a level?

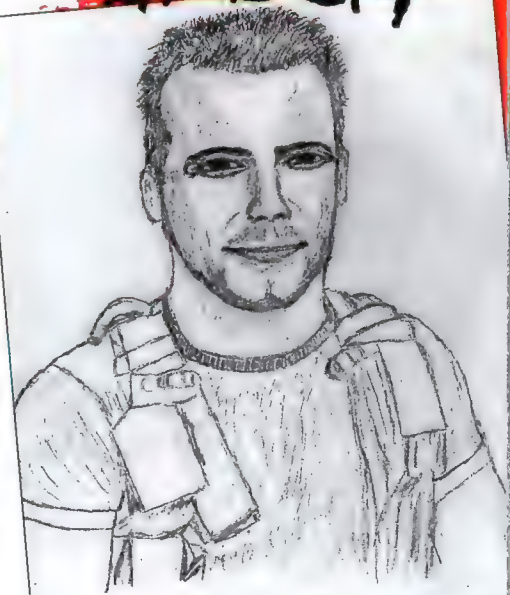
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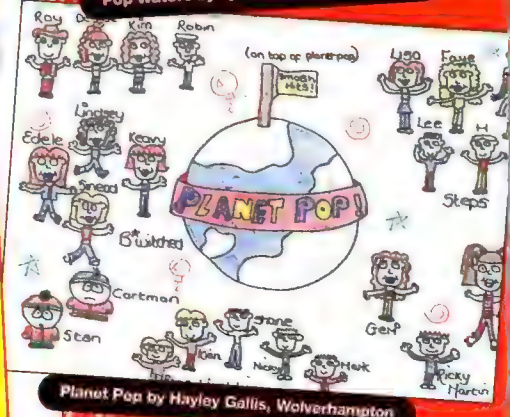
Dear John,
I was sorting out my room t'other day when I came across one of my sister's old photographs. If you look closely, the boy on the right is none other than Paul Danan (Sol from *Hollyoaks*). Here he is posing before going on stage to perform *The Boyfriend* at West Hatch High School, Chigwell. He

was in the same year as my sister Marianne and I'm at the same school. Doesn't he look dashing with his lovely lippy!
Heather Dent, Buckhurst Hill
He certainly does, Heather! Thanks for sending this in. Does anybody have any other embarrassing celeb pics? Send 'em in, and you too could win £20 and a Bootleg voucher for the Letter Of The Fortnight. Hurry, hurry, hurry!


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TUNE!



Cold weather getting you down? No problem, just slam on *Smash Hits 2000* and send the temperature through the roof. It's got all your favourite hits from the last few months, from Backstreet Boys, Britney Spears, Westlife and Boyzone to the Spice Girls, Steps and S Club 7.

On top of that, *Smash Hits 2000* is packed with all the latest chartbusters. Check out Paul Van Dyk's *Another Way* and Alice DeeJay's *Back In My Life* for some urgent beats or skip to Mel C's *Northern Star* to slow things down.

Did you know...

Atomic Kitten, whose debut single, *Right Now*, got to No13 in the charts, sang karaoke until 4am on the last night of the *Smash Hits* Tour!

Cuban Boys got the idea for their Christmas hit *Cognoscenti vs Intelligentsia* (better known as the *Hamster Dance*) when they logged onto the Internet's second most popular site, www.hammsterdance.com.

Solid Gold Chart Busters, the new project from bonkers actor Keith Allen (of *Fat Les* fame), really know how to wind people up. Their single, *I Wanna 1-2-1 With You*, samples a mobile phone ring. Slam it on and send everyone rushing to answer their phones!

SMASH HITS 2000 Full Track Listing

CD1

- 01 Vengaboys - Kiss (When The Sun Don't Shine)
- 02 Ann Lee - 2 Times
- 03 Steps - Love's Got A Hold On My Heart
- 04 S Club 7 - Bring It All Back
- 05 Britney Spears - Sometimes
- 06 Backstreet Boys - I Want It That Way
- 07 Westlife - Swear It Again
- 08 Geri Halliwell - Lift Me Up
- 09 Martine McCutcheon - Love Me
- 10 Tin Tin Out feat. Emma Bunton - What I Am
- 11 Mel C - Northern Star
- 12 Bran Van 3000 - Drinking In LA
- 13 Fatboy Slim - Praise You
- 14 Shanks & Bigfoot - Sweet Like Chocolate
- 15 Sixpence None The Richer - Kiss Me
- 16 911 - A Little Bit More
- 17 Spice Girls - Goodbye
- 18 Beverly Knight - Sista Sista
- 19 BBMak - Still On Your Side
- 20 Stereophonics - I Wouldn't Believe Your Radio
- 21 Tom Jones & The Cardigans - Burning Down The House

CD2

- 01 Robbie Williams - She's The One
- 02 Boyzone - When The Going Gets Tough
- 03 Geri Halliwell - Mi Chico Latino
- 04 Shaft - (Mucho Mambo) Sway
- 05 DJ Jurgen Presents Alice DeeJay - Better Off Alone
- 06 Phats & Small - Tonight
- 07 Atomic Kitten - Right Now
- 08 Cartoons - Witch Doctor
- 09 Lolly - Mickey
- 10 Adam Rickitt - I Breathe Again
- 11 DJ Jean - The Launch
- 12 Fatboy Slim - Right Here Right Now
- 13 Perfect Phase - Horny Horns
- 14 Moloko - Sing It Back
- 15 Bob Marley vs Funkstar Deluxe - Sun Is Shining
- 16 Paul Van Dyk - Another Way
- 17 Alice DeeJay - Back In My Life
- 18 Tina Cousins - Angel
- 19 Michael Moog - That Sound
- 20 Solid Gold Chart Busters - I Wanna 1-2-1 With You
- 21 Cuban Boys - Cognoscenti vs Intelligentsia



SMASH HITS

BACKSTREET BOYS

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SMASH HITS

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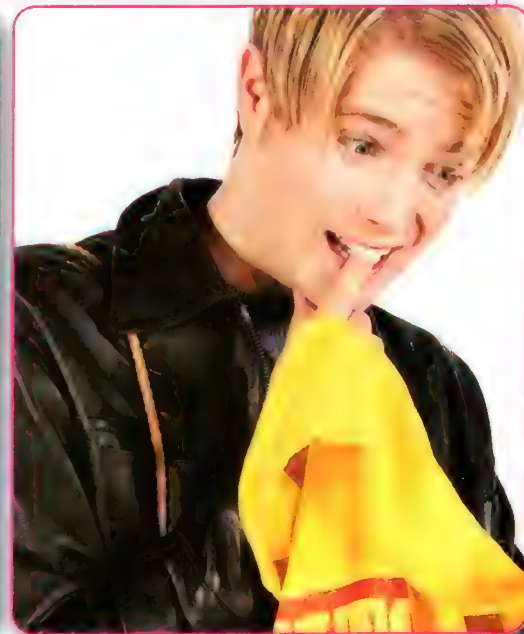
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Nicky Westlife

FROM GOAL KICKS TO NOSE PICKS, NO SECRET IS SAFE

WHEN NICKY JUMPS IN THE SACK. NO WONDER HE

MOANS, "THESE QUESTIONS ARE TOO HARD!"



If you could be invisible for one day where would you go and why?

Jenny Cowin, Bromsgrove

There are a few places I'd like to visit, so I'd have a very busy day! I'd start off in our manager Louis Walsh's office to see what he has planned for us, so I know exactly where we'll be going! And I'd take a trip to the girls' changing rooms at some point, (laughing) it has to be done - maybe the Miss World changing rooms or something! I'd also like to take a trip into other bands' dressing rooms. It'd be interesting to hear exactly what they have to say about us!



Why did you thank the Backstreet Boys on your album sleeve?

Georgina Adams, Surrey

Before I was in the band, the Backstreet Boys were a huge influence on the boys from Sligo and Bryan. Not taking anything away from Boyzone, because they're a huge influence for us, being Irish. Before the boys met Louis Walsh he put them on supporting Backstreet in Dublin and it was the first time the Sligo boys had performed in front of an audience. We got together and decided it'd be nice to thank them for that inspiration they gave us. We've met them too and they're really cool guys.



If you were an ice lolly what flavour would you be and what joke would be on your stick?

Nicola Richer, Surrey

(Laughing) A lolly? Hmm, I'd probably be a banana flavour ice cream with chocolate

over the top! Do lollies have jokes on them? I've never seen one before, either that or I've just never noticed. Can it be any joke? Okay, what do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummi bear! That's my favourite joke.



Are you glad Leeds told you you were too short to be their goalie since you've hit the big time with Westlife?

Hayley Thorpe, Eltham

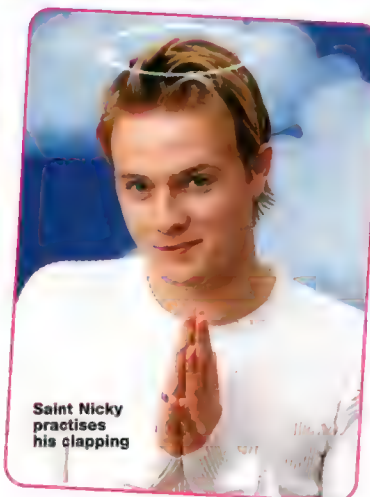
Totally! I've got great friends at Leeds and miss it, but I fell on my feet. When I came back from Leeds I was devastated and really depressed. Some nights I'd just sit and cry, but I knew what I wanted to do and knew if I worked hard enough I'd achieve it. I've been really lucky.



If you were reincarnated what would you come back as?

D Hunter, Northants

(Sighing) These questions are too hard! I'd like to be a horse or a dog. Horses are such beautiful animals, and I'd love to be able to run fast! Dogs are really cute



Saint Nicky practises his clapping

and man's best friend! If I had to be a person rather than an animal, I'd be really, really famous like Madonna, Elvis or Michael Jackson. It'd be really interesting to see what it's like to be that famous.



Would you give up all your success with Westlife in exchange for world peace?

Marie O'Donnell, Glasgow

(Shaking his head & laughing) Oh, no! This is getting too political. Umm (laughing again), oh God, what can I say?! (Taking a deep breath) No, I don't think I would. I'd love to have world peace, it'd be brilliant, but I think we can achieve it without people sacrificing careers. People have to have their own lives and I love what I do. I don't think giving up my career could ever influence world leaders, so no, I wouldn't.



If you were a sauce what would you be and whose sandwich would you fill?

Louise Chaves, Tottenham

Hahaha! A sauce? I'd be mushroom and cream sauce. Whenever I eat steak and chips I have to have mushroom and cream sauce, on chicken and mushroom pies too. Anyone who wanted to eat me could. I'd just pop into their sandwich and let them have a good chew on me.



Which member of Westlife has the best looking sister?

Marfua Begum, London

(Thinking) That's debatable. Mark doesn't have a sister and Kian's got a good few. But I'd

I wouldn't sacrifice my career for world peace!

IN THE SACK WITH... Nicky Westlife



say it's between Shane's sister Mairead and Bryan's sister Susan. Mairead's a lot older than Susan and she's sexy. Susan's a lot younger, she's 16 and is gonna be really nice when she's older.

Why, at the Westlife signing, did it take you three hours to write your name 100 times when it only takes me three minutes, 11 seconds?

Sarah Day, Cheshire
(Giggling) All I can say is you must've had a lot more practice than us! Don't forget there are five of us so you'd have to write your name 500 times, then see how long it takes. Plus we have to chat, kiss people, pose for photographs and stuff like that. If you add all that and smile and be happy, as well as run to the toilet a couple of times, it takes a lot longer. If you can do all that in three minutes then congratulations!

If you were a pair of knickers, who would you most like to be thrown on stage at?

Jemma Downes, Dublin
(Looking relieved) Phew, I thought you were gonna ask who I'd like them to be on! (Laughing) Probably Westlife, to see it from the knicker angle! Can you imagine, lying on the stage and looking up at Westlife, it'd be quite interesting actually (giggles at the thought for ages).

Does Ronan ever get on your nerves?

Jessica Musson, Notts
Not really, to be honest. Ronan's been very, very good to us in every way possible. He's a very busy guy with a lot of things on his shoulders. We try not to bother him too much, but when we do ring up and ask him things, he's always there. His voice is amazing, and no matter what it is, whether it's about what shoes we should buy, he gives us an opinion. For someone that busy, it's amazing. Y'know he's married, he's got a kid, Boyzone, his solo stuff, his presenting - he does everything! And to manage us too and be there for us when we need him, is amazing.

Your birthday is a day before mine so you're a Libra like me. Do you believe in horoscopes and superstition?

Debbie Jeffreys, Bracknell
I'm very superstitious actually, but I never read my horoscope anymore, even if someone reads it to me I won't listen. I used to, but not anymore. I went to a fortune teller when I was at Leeds,

Thank you to everyone who has been lovely to Georgina and myself



Georgina & Nicky (in fancy dress!)

she didn't tell me anything bad. She said I'd be successful in my career and one day I'd play at Wembley. I assumed it'd be at football, but it'll probably be with the band. Since then I decided I never wanna hear the future again.

What are yours and the other lads' worst habits?

Elizabeth Horobin, Conwy
Picking my nose. I try not to do it in public, but if I rub my nose and I feel something there, I have to get it. I never eat it though (pulls a disgusted face)! Shane doesn't listen to you, he's in a world of his own. Bryan is just like a Duracell battery, always on the go. It can be 4am and we're all knackered but Bry'll wanna play football!

Kian and Mark are pretty cool, although Kian can get agitated and lose his cool and I'll be like, "It's not that bad, chill." Mark can fall asleep just like that, which can be annoying, you'll turn to talk to

him and he'll be, like... (does an impression of Mark sleeping with his mouth open!)

Fans hold up banners for you. If you could hold up a banner for your fans, what would it say?

Vicki Mann, Somerset
It'd say, "We love you so much, thank you all for everything you've done for us."

NICKY'S OWN PICK OF THE POST WAS JOANNA FROM NOTTINGHAM

WHO WINS A COPY OF WESTLIFE: OUR STORY BY ROB MCGIBBON SIGNED BY THE WHOLE BAND

You're very protective of Georgina, but has your relationship changed since you joined Westlife and what does she think of your fans?

Joanna, Nottingham
Georgina thinks the fans are great, to be honest with you. At the start I didn't know how she'd accept the female attention, but she's been great. If we're at home and there's a call at the house, she'll go out and speak to the fans. When she's at me mam's she'll quite happily talk all day to them. Even in town now, a lot of people recognise her and she's as nice as she can be to them. I think our relationship has changed a little bit. The fact that we don't see each other a lot has put a strain on it, and I'll freely admit that. But I think we're still as much in love as we were and hopefully, it'll continue to be like that. Can I just say thank you to everyone who has been lovely to Georgina and myself, it really means a lot to us.

GOT A BRILLIANT QUESTION FOR...?

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▶ Fancy being the lucky owner of a spanking new Dreamcast? You could be if you win this fab comp. We've not only got a Dreamcast for our winner but also a copy of the new *South Park* game, *Chef's Luv Shack*. Five runners-up will each receive a copy of the game too.



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▶ For three lucky winners we've got a v.cool Sash! record bag with a copy of his latest single *Adelante* and new album *It's My Life*. What's more we've got seven more albums for the runners-up!



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▶ Top pop duo Mero have given us the shirt off their backs! One lucky(?) winner will receive the T-shirts Derek and Tommy's dancers wore on the *Smash Hits* Tour (all eight of 'em)! Don't worry if you don't win 'cos 15 lucky runners-up will win a signed pic and CD.



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50 DJ Machines

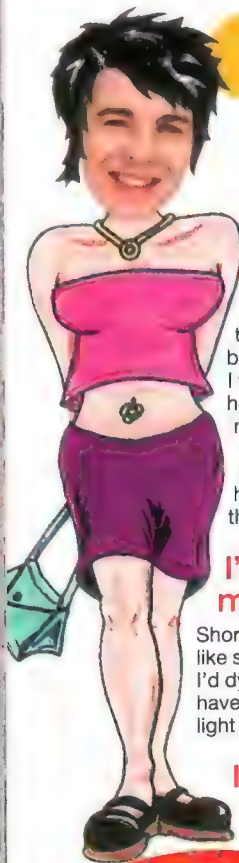
▶ These cool new DJ Machines are small enough to fit in your pocket, but loud enough to make sounds that really rock. To be in with a chance call or write now.



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Mark A1

If I was a girl...



I'd wear...

I reckon that girls get a much bigger choice than men. I'd wear cropped tops and get my belly pierced! I wouldn't wear high heels, though. I'm not the best dancer in the world and if I tried to dance in heels I'd be all over the place!

I'd cut my hair...

Short, 'cos I really like short hair on girls. I'd dye it dark red or have it a nice shade of light brown.

I would get ready

for a night out in...

I find that the less time I spend in front of the mirror the better the results. Mind you, you have to do all that plucking your eyebrows and painting your nails stuff. Ummmm... I'd take about an hour and a half.

I'd go out on the town with...

Um... Jennifer Love Hewitt, the girls from *Friends*, and the girls from *Scream*.

On Saturday I would...

Meet up with the girls

and go shopping during the day. Actually, I'd just meet up with one girlfriend otherwise it would be a nightmare having to go to every shop. Then in the evening, I'd have all the girls round for Brad Pitt movies.

I'd fancy...

Probably Brad Pitt, he's so cool.

Out of A1 I'd fancy...

That Mark, the tall, dark, handsome one, he's a right looker! Seriously, I can't answer that 'cos I'll get into trouble. I have to? Okay then, Ben.

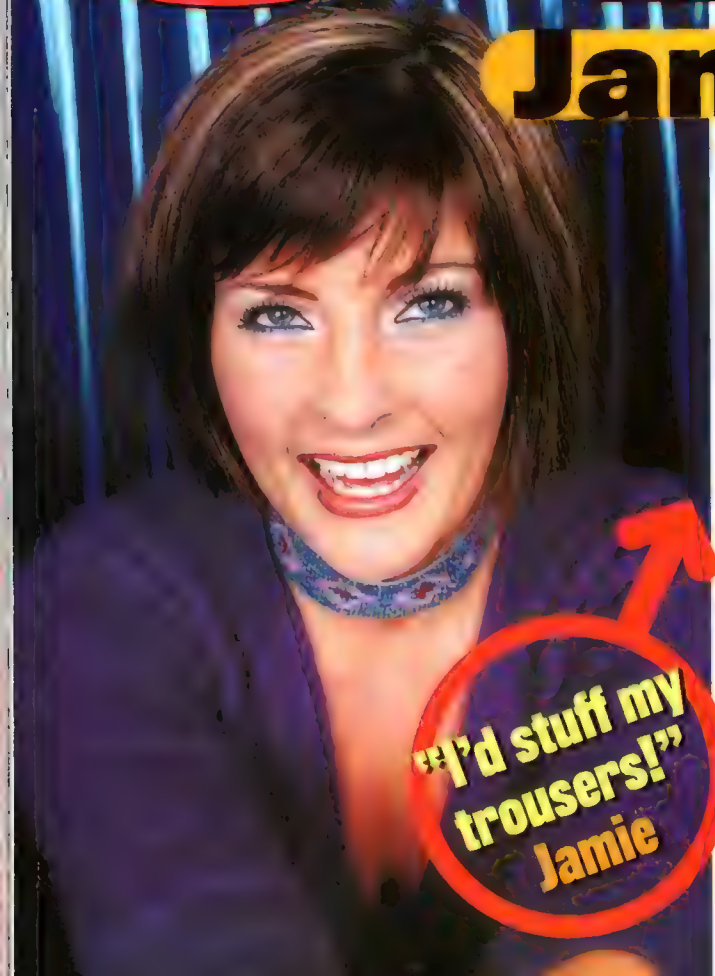
"I'd wear cropped tops and get my belly pierced!"
Mark



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Jamie Hepburn

If I was a boy...



I'd wear...

Anything that made my willy look big! I'd stuff my trousers! I'd wear funky sleeveless tops like David Beckham as well, I like the way he dresses.

I'd cut my hair...

Into a real funky 'do with long sideburns and all messy on top. A bit like Andy from *Northern Line*. Actually, I'd have it just like my boyfriend 'cos his hair is wicked.

I'd shave...

It would depend on how hairy I am! I wouldn't want to get a shaving rash so I'd do it every other day.

I would get ready for a

night out in...

It would cut my time right down! I wouldn't have to put on make-up or anything. It'd only take me five minutes to get ready 'cos all I'd have to do was my hair.

I'd fancy...

Um, who do I think is pretty? Kate Moss. She's got wicked style and she's really simply pretty. She can look amazing even without make-up.

I'd go on the town with...

Robbie Williams. He'd be well up for it and is a right laugh. He's a real party boy. We'd go to a club, somewhere like home in Leicester Square, then on to a members' bar somewhere for a couple of drinks.

I'd shop...

In places like Gucci, Prada and Miu Miu. I'd go really designer!

I'd eat...

Steak and chips, a typical lad's meal.

I'd work out...

A lot! I'd go to the gym loads and do weights and sit-ups. I'd keep my body really fit.

I would listen to...

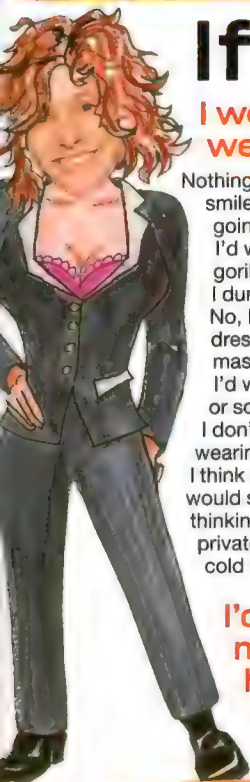
Hepburn of course, and I'd fancy that Jamie. The one with short, dark bobbed hair.



"I'd stuff my trousers!"
Jamie

Adam Rickitt

If I was a girl...



I would wear...

Nothing but a big smile! If I was going to a party I'd wear a big gorilla outfit, I dunno why! No, I'd probably dress in quite a masculine way, I'd wear a suit or something. I don't fancy wearing a dress, I think my brain would still be thinking that my privates would get cold in a dress.

I'd cut my hair...

Really messy and tangly,

just woken-up hair. I think that's the sexiest hair on a girl. Long or short? God, I don't know, long-ish!

I would get ready for a night out in...

I'd spend a few hours in front of the mirror. Not 'cos I'm vain but 'cos it would be quite fun to look at myself if I was a girl. No, probably not that long, I'd just wash my face and go, like now. Make-up? Oh God, I forgot about that. It would take me hours, I bet I'd have to try about four times to get it right.

I'd shop in...

Underwear shops. It's the most embarrassing thing in the world to buy underwear for girls when you're a guy so I'd buy a

load of underwear and if I ever became a bloke again, I'd have lots of stuff to give to my girlfriend.

I'd have a crush on...

Fred Flintstone 'cos he's a neanderthal and that sort of bloke is great.

My fave band would be...

Five. They're really cool and they always put on good shows.

My favourite hobby would be...

Horse riding. I used to do it as a kid, but I went wearing boxer shorts once and it really hurt. But if those parts weren't there, I could do it again!

"I'd have a crush on Fred Flintstone!"
Adam



What would happen if the boys and girls of Planet Pop swapped places? To find out we asked four popsters to imagine life on the other side...

Lisa Steps

If I was a boy...



"I'd stuff my face with everything naughty!"
Lisa

I'd wear...

Stuff like H wears, combats and trainers and comfy things. I wouldn't wear Y-fronts, I'd have to wear boxers!

I'd shave...

Probably every other day. I'd look quite rough 'n' ready with stubble.

I'd look in the mirror...

A bit more 'cos I'd have to shave.

I'd have a crush on...

All Saints - Nic or Nat. I'd go for a girl a few years younger than me.

I'd go out to...

Somewhere like Peter Stringfellow's (cheesy London club)!

I'd watch...

Football, and I'd still support Manchester United. I'd still be a big David Beckham fan, but I'd appreciate his football skills more, as well as his flicky hair.

I'd shop in...

Abercrombie & Fitch! I've been spending too much time in America...

I'd eat...

Pizzas, burgers, chips and kebabs! Lads can eat more crap 'cos of the way their bodies are. I'd stuff my face with everything naughty.

My favourite hobby would be...

Girls, just girls! I'd watch Baywatch and beach volleyball, too.

On Saturday I'd...

Watch the football with the lads, go down the pub and have ten pints of lager, stuff like that.

My favourite band would be...

The Backstreet Boys or maybe All Saints. I'd still be into singing.

My favourite member of Steps...

Would be me!



LAIID=BACK JACK

HE DOESN'T DO INTERVIEWS, BUT JACK 'EASY'

RYDER WAS HAPPY TO KICK BACK AND CHAT

TO US ABOUT JAMIE, FAME & GIRLS!

WORDS SERENA LACEY
PHOTO TOM HOWARD



Jamie getting into a bit of trouble, instead of being a goody-goody all the time. And I wouldn't mind a bit of romance here and there, *(cheekily)* y'know get a few snogs in!

Which other character would you like to play on the Square?

It'd have to be Terry, wouldn't it? Definitely Terry, he's pukka, man! *(Laughing)* He's such a rude man, I like it. I know I'd have to snog Irene, but that's no big deal!

Oh yeah, so is Irene your type?

(Laughs for ages) Actually, I like girls who are happy, y'know vibrant and funny. *(Shaking his head)* A lot of girls I meet put on acts, which I don't like. I like girls who are themselves and don't care what people think. I'm single at the moment, I did have a girlfriend, but we're kind of taking a break from things.

You must get a lot of female attention now?

(Blushing) Yeah. I was in the Glades Shopping Centre in Bromley the other day and I couldn't even do my shopping because I got mobbed. I do get annoyed when things like that happen, it can really get to you. I never turn around if someone shouts Jamie, sometimes I do if they call Jack, but I generally don't make eye contact, I just keep my head down. *(Shrugging his shoulders)* Fame's fame, d'ya know what I mean? That's the way it is, you just have to get on with it.

How do you get away from all the fame lark?

I just watch telly,

listen to music or play my guitar. I taught myself to play the guitar, so I play around with that a lot. Maybe I'll be in a band one day, you never know! Am I already? *(With a smirk)* I'm not saying anything!

Have you ever played with Joe Absolom?

(Looking surprised) I haven't actually. We haven't managed to get together. He's got his own band anyway. I love all that sort of music, but rock mainly.

Do you hang out in all the trendy places now?

(Fiercely) No, not at all! I hang out where I always have, over the park, round the estates. I just go out and hang with my mates. They're wicked about it all. I don't let it bother me, so it doesn't bother them. A few people I know have been a bit funny, they thought I'd be all superstar, but I just told them what's what and they soon shut up.

If you had a dream day off, what would you do?

If I had one day? I can't even answer that! If I had a week I'd go away or something, but what can you do in a day? If it was like *Groundhog Day* (one day he could live over and over, from the film of the same name), I'd go and cause loads of trouble!

(Laughing) Smash up loads of shops and stuff like that, just for a laugh 'cos nobody would ever know about it in the end! Yeah, I'd go into Habitat and... ya know all the shelves of glass and china? And I'd just knock 'em all flying. It would be absolutely wicked!

All right, Jack! Was it always your ambition to be an actor?

I s'pose so, from the age of about 14, before that I wanted to play for Newcastle. I think all boys want to be a footballer. But I just went to an audition with my friend and that's how I got the part of Jamie, completely by chance! It was really surreal, I was too shocked to be happy, I just couldn't believe it.

And is soap stardom all that you imagined?

Not really. I thought it was gonna be a really big deal, but it's not. I'm exactly the same as I was a year ago. I do sometimes get a bit fed up with the

attention. I don't really do interviews anymore. I did at the beginning, but I've stopped all that now, *(grinning)* except for *Smash Hits* of course!

Are you and Jamie similar in any way?

(Laughing) Well, Jamie is really moody and I can be too. I dunno, it's a mix, I can't just switch on and be Jamie Mitchell then switch off. Part of Jack is Jamie and part of Jamie is Jack. On the other hand, I don't think we're that similar, *(grinning)* although we do look alike, sometimes! He's just a normal teenage kid really, so am I... I'm just Jack!

What would you like to see Jamie doing?

I'm up for anything, but something quite dramatic, I'd actually like to see





HEAVY PETTING

Cats. Dogs. Everybody loves H. But, asks Jordan Paramor, is the boy with the puppy dog eyes ready to be loved? PHOTOS DAVID VENNI



In the Mayhew

Animal Home in West London, H from Steps is desperately praying a cute little puppy doesn't wee on

him. "The things I have to do!" he giggles as the pup snuggles deep into his arms. Suddenly, the pooch looks up at him and licks his face 'til H starts to laugh and splutter. There's no doubt about it... this is love!

We're at the Mayhew because H wants a puppy. He loves dogs and would give anything to be able to take one of the rescue puppies home with him, but unfortunately Steps' hectic schedule means looking after a dog's impossible, so he's doing the next best thing – adopting one of the little hounds (with your help – see over the page). The dog on the right is his chosen pup, and H will pay towards his keep 'til someone (and we're pretty sure it won't be long) decides to take home the furry fella for keeps.

When I eventually manage to drag H away from all the animals, we head to a local bar for a chat. The plan is to find out if puppy love is all H is ready for, but before I can ask the first question a girl runs past and, spotting H through the window, she runs in screaming, "Are you H Steps?" Without thinking H shakes his head and the girl leaves looking disappointed. Meanwhile, at the bar two 20-somethings are smiling and doing the *Tragedy* dance. H ignores them too.

"How are the rest of Steps?" I ask politely. "Sshhh", H says putting his finger to his lips and looking around cagily thinking no-one's noticed him. It's pretty clear that tonight, just for once, H Steps would like to be off-duty. If only it were that easy...

Do you ever get sick of people automatically doing

the *Tragedy* dance when they see you?

Nah, I don't mind, I just don't do it back to them! (*Whispers*) I'm sure everyone thinks they're the first person to do it, y'know...

Do you ever wish that you weren't recognisable?

Yeah, there have been times. One time, when I went home I went to my local pub with my mates and this guy came up to me and said, "Who do you think you are?". I was just standing there having a quiet drink, but he didn't like it – so he headbutted me! I was so embarrassed in front of



H whistled the puppy off to sleep

everyone. Some people just assume that because you're famous you're gonna be a git.

Do you ever get scared to go out on your own?

Well, after that happened I was *really* wary that someone was gonna have a go at me. I never understood why you



I find it hard to

think that people fancy me



had VIP areas in places, but after that experience I wanted to go in them 'cos I felt safer. But I'm not so paranoid now, at the end of the day I'd rather be down in the middle of the party having a laugh, but I have to be careful and that's a shame.

Do you ever manage to forget that you're famous?

Occasionally, like just before Christmas I went shopping in Newcastle and there was this group of schoolkids carol singing. I stopped to watch them and suddenly they all stopped singing and started staring at me and I had to scoot off. (*Laughs*) I didn't even think!

So has fame robbed you of anything?

Sometimes I don't get to see my friends and family as much as I'd like to, but I don't resent having to work so hard. I know I'm incredibly lucky. Fame's here today and it could be gone tomorrow, so I take it with a pinch of salt. (*Shrugs*) If it all ends tomorrow at least I can say I did it.

You're the Clown Prince Of Pop™, but when did you last cry?

We recently did a Christmas present giveaway at a hospital. All the children were terminally ill and I found it distressing. (*He stops and thinks*)

But even though it's distressing, it's so rewarding at the same time. Do you know what I mean? It's so rewarding to be in a position to make those kids happy. I feel incredibly privileged.

Anything else get you down?

Being tired. When you're tired you get ill easily, and this is my third dose of flu in a month. There are loads of good things about this job, but the big difference between this and other jobs is when you're ill you have to carry on, you can't lie in bed until you get better. Someone once said to me that when you're in a band





you don't have a life, you have a schedule, and that's true.

H says that he's been H Steps for so long now he thinks that sometimes people can't see past that and he wishes they'd look a bit deeper, "Sometimes I wish people could get to know me as a person before they get to know 'H Steps'," he explains. And just for a moment I think H's alter ego Ian Watkins is available for his first ever interview...

Have you ever wanted to run away from the 'crazy H' image?

Not really, but sometimes I find it weird that I get recognised everywhere. Especially (looks around) places like this. I can understand kids recognising me, but when I walk into a bar and people whisper... (he pauses and leans forward) that's weird.

Is H just a mask you hide behind?

(Shakes his head) No. I've been H since I was nine-years-old. I was H before I even knew I was H! I got the nickname in my drama class because I was always running all over the place and I had my finger in every pie. I was actually called HT, for hyperactive tit, but I dropped the T! (Smiles) Things are so hectic now that even I have to take some time out, I usually make an excuse and go and sit quietly in the toilets 'til I've calmed down.

So where's Ian Watkins gone?

I don't know. I find it strange being called Ian now. My brothers still call me Ian, but I've been H for so long now it's like that's always been my name. It's not like Ian's some other person. Ian and H are the same person - me!

Okay, okay. So have any of your mates let you down since you've been famous?

Lots of people have in different ways, but you learn who you can and can't trust. You learn that very quickly and it's a big lesson. I know that I'll always have me schoolfriends and I can trust them because I've been mates with them since I was a kid, but I'm always a bit dubious of people at first, but I'm pretty good at sussing people out. That's why dogs are good. They never let you down!

Did you have a dog when you were growing up?

Yes, we had a lovely black labrador called Ben, but last year we had to put him down because he was too old. I'd had him since I was ten and he was like a little brother to me. Every time I needed to get away from things I used to take him for walks up the mountains.

Do you think dogs make good companions?

Definitely. I'm looking for a companion but I can't find one so I reckon a dog would be the next best thing! It's great spending time with someone or something that gives you a lot of love and attention. Even if it is a dog rather than a real person!

H laughs, but it's pretty obvious that beneath the jokey exterior he feels genuinely lonely. So is he actually looking for love? "Isn't everyone?" he says seriously. H says he's found it really hard to find somebody, but doesn't know why: "Answers on a postcard please!" he grins, joking again.

For the moment, all that H has to keep him warm at night is a giant stuffed Pluto. The Disney dog. "I bought him last year when we were on the way to Japan. They had to hold

POP PETS

Of course, H isn't the only animal lover on Planet Pop

1. Jon 7's devoted to his pooch, Molly, and misses her more than any of his mates when he's on the road!

2. Geri Halliwell, Stephen Gately and Clint Moffatt all own shih-tzus. Geri's is called Harry and follows her wherever she goes.

3. Rich Five is the proud owner of a wee puppy called Milo. Billie bought it for him as an extra special Christmas pressie.

4. The Backstreet Boys are all partial to pups. B-Rok™ reckons owning a puppy is great training for having kids!

5. Yorick Vengaboy likes nothing better than sharing a bath with his pet turtles!

6. Shane Westlife's family have 40 horses, they all have the first name Carlton after the family restaurant, Carlton Café. Shane's favourite is called Carlton Flight.

7. Adam Rickitt is definitely an animal lover. He owns two dogs, two cats and a horse.

8. Victoria and David Beckham have just had to give away their pet rottweilers because of fears the guard dogs would attack baby Brooklyn. Doh!

9. Shane 'Zone enjoys keeping and breeding carp! Some of these fish can sell for hundreds of pounds!

10. Mark Lev's also attracted to the exotic. He's ditched cats and dogs in favour of a pet snake.



H sheltered the pup from the scary cat

the plane up for me because I was in the shop buying him. I cuddle him every night when I'm trying to sleep," he smiles, before adding sadly, "I'd rather have someone real to love, though." Okay, enough of the jokes and cuddly toys, it's time to get tough...

You want a relationship, everyone loves you - so where's the problem?

It's just not that easy. If I did go out with someone they'd have to really understand what I do because it's such a hard

business. I've had to sacrifice a lot for Steps because it is my dream job. It's very hard to hold down a relationship when you're in this position. But if the right person came along now then I'd go for it, I'm ready

for it now. I think I want it more than I ever have.

You once said that you didn't have any luck with the ladies at school. Why do you think that was?

(Shrugs) I looked like a little boy! We came back after the summer holidays one year and all of a sudden everyone had grown and their voices were breaking and I was kind of left behind. I started taking the mickey out of myself before anyone else did so I got away with it, and the girls thought I was sweet but not fanciable. I was always different though. I was always my own person and I didn't follow the crowd. I wasn't a loner, but I was an individual. (Pause) I didn't mind being a late developer, but I used to shave before I needed to, I think I was trying to encourage a beard to grow!

I've been in love -

it was a disaster

So what's your problem now, do you still lack confidence?

Mmm, I don't always feel good looking and I find it hard to think people fancy me. I'm very confident on stage, but when it comes to relationships, I'm too scared to make a move.

Too scared to have ever fallen in love?

(Pause.) I've been in love. Very briefly. It was disastrous. Move on! Next question!

Umm...

(Interrupting) I was gutted. It still hurts to think about it, it was a total nightmare. (Mumbles) Nightmare.

Nightmare. H shakes his head once more. He's got fame, money, friends and family, but as for following his heart, H is still on the lookout for someone to follow. He's got it all, but there's that elusive something missing. "I want love now, I want a relationship," he says sadly, "Just to know that you've always got that person there to support you is so important and I'm really ready for someone. I want someone to hug when I go to sleep at night." Sounds great, one thing is... what will Pluto do then?



"Er, H, there's something on your shoulder"



You can name this puppy

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I want to call the puppy...

Send your answers on a postcard marked **Puppy Love** to the usual competition address on page 54. The closing date is February 8.

Some would say H was barking, but, er, not me (You're still fired - Ed)



"Go on-then puss, give us a kiss"



H rustles up a little something...



then tests it out on one lucky customer



"Pay attention, H, I'll be testing you later"



Mayhew Animal Home takes some licking

The **Mayhew Animal Home** is a rescue centre taking in abused or unwanted animals with a view to finding them new responsible, caring owners. If, like H, you'd like to sponsor an animal at the Mayhew or alternatively become a member and receive their tri-annual magazine please contact Jane Rockcliffe on 0208 969 7110.



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▶ Grove's feeling the pressure in 'Enders



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YOU HAVE TO HEAR THESE...

ALL SAINTS Pure Shores

Angelic foursome return with song for Leo's new movie While Nic, Nat and Mel were busying themselves with films, babies and boyfriends, Shaznay was teaming up with William Orbit (top-notch producer fella favoured by Madonna and Blur) to create this crackin' comeback. It's already on

Leo's *The Beach* soundtrack and soon its swoonsome harmonies will be winging their way to the very top of the charts.

It's probably the best All Saints single to date; it's certainly the single of the millennium (so far!)



FIERCE Sweet Love

R'n'B laydeez revamp soul classic for the 00s

Probably the most inappropriately named band of all time, the sweeter-than-the-Honeyz Fierce exercise their mighty vocal chords on this Anita Baker (ancient soulstress) cover. Smooth, slinky, sultry and pretty much everything else that begins with the letter s, this is the soul song of the millennium.

JAY-Z Anything

Rapping musical fan works his magic on Oliver

Mariah's mate's back with squeaking boy in tow to bring *Oliver Twist* to the hip-hopping massive. This should be the worst record in history; it's actually strangely brilliant. Think school assembly meets downtown LA. My money's on *The Sound Of Music* for the next single! Rap song of the millennium.



Hepburn
Deep Deep Down



HEPBURN Deep Deep Down

Third single from the gear-brandishing rawk girls "Have you ever been down?" snarls Jamie in her best indie-rawk voice. Well, thanks for asking, Jay, actually I was feeling a bit fed-up until I heard this. Now, though, I'm leaping round the office playing air guitar. And everyone's staring. A lot. You've guessed it, rock song of the millennium.

THE TAMPERER FEATURING MAYA Hammer To The Heart

Chimney-loving dance bods come back to Planet Pop

Take a thundering Abba sample, add a "boom, boom" chorus and fab disco beat and whaddya get? The *Tamperer*'s new tune. Only, this one's about hammers, not chimneys. It's not *Feel It* (what is?) but it's surely the dance tune of the m... (Enough - Ed.)



BUBBLIN'!

GIVE THESE A TRY...

SISQO Got To Get It

This is all about what Sisqo wants to do to a lady. Funky, but don't play it to your mum.

FIONA APPLE Fast As You Can

This is all about what Fiona Apple wants to do to a man. She's already been *pipped* to the top of the charts, but it should please her core audience. And your dad'll love it.



the weekend, girls. Take a trip to the mall. Buy new clothes, nice make-up

and a sackful of Spice Girls records. Only after careful consideration of your purchases should you even think about becoming pop stars.

ANDREAS JOHNSON Glorious

Swedish fella Andreas is all over the radio with this string-laden indie-ish anthem. Glorious?



Well, it's quite nice, I s'pose.

NOTORIOUS BIG Notorious BIG

I sure hope I have as healthy a career as Biggie when I'm dead. Mind you, by the sounds of this effort, his songwriting skills could do with reviving.



ERIC BENET Why You Follow Me
R'n'B and Latin? Together? Yup, it's as bad as it sounds.

REM The Great Beyond

"I'm pushing an elephant up the stairs"?! Nuff said.

LOVESTATION Teardrops

NU GENERATION In Your Arms (Rescue Me)

Has everyone forgotten how to write songs or summat? These two tunes are both covers of R'n'B classics, neither of which sound remotely different from the originals except for some annoying drill-like noises. Avoid.

SAINT MARK New Year's Day

Since writing a hefty chunk of the Bible 2,000 years ago, Saint Mark's been pretty quiet. When the millennium rocked up he decided to celebrate by penning a pop song, but unfortunately he couldn't think of a tune 'til halfway through January. Doh!

FRED & ROXY Something For The Weekend

Here's a suggestion for

BOBBINS!

IT'S PANTS... ON TOAST!

TRICIA PENROSE Don't Wanna Be Alone

I hate people slagging off soap stars who get pop careers, but this nod-off-before-the-end-oops-I-forgot-to-write-a-tune ballad from *Heartbeat*'s Gina almost has me agreeing with them. Put a sock in it Trish, you're giving Adam Rickett and Martine a bad name!



ALBUMS



GUY Guy III

Guy who? Well, only ever reaching the lofty heights of No58 over here, R'n'B trio Guy blew up in the US in the late '80s before breaking up after two albums. Since the split ex-member Teddy Riley has become an R'n'B legend with Blackstreet, and a top-notch producer to boot - working with artists like Mary J Blige and Whitney Houston. Now Teddy's reunited with old Guy buddies Aaron and Damion Hall for a new album and if you like stuff like Blackstreet, or K-Ci & JoJo with a funkier edge, you may want to give this a listen. Colin Hubbuck

BUBBLIN'!



EIFFEL 65 Europop

According to last year's *Smash Hits* poll, *Blue* (*Da Ba Dee*) was your track of choice for mashing' it up on the dancefloor last year. *Europop* takes everything that made *Blue* a hit (beeps, squelches, weirdified voices etc) and spreads it over 13 tracks. It should be a shiny, dancey, 21st century future-fest, but actually, *Europop* sounds like an '80s pop album sung by a computer suffering from the millennium bug. And sounding '80s is just soooo 1999. John Hindmarch

BUBBLIN'!



DON'T MISS THIS!

FRIENDS



The sixth series has started on Sky One, so leg it round a mate with a dish's house for the best series yet! We last saw the gang in Las Vegas with Ross and Rachel tying the knot after too many drinks (yes, they really did!) here's what happens next...

THE BEST BITS

- 1** Ross decides he wants to make a go of things with an unsure Rachel, who finds herself homeless after...
- 2** Monica and Chandler move in together and invite her parents to dinner, which ends in disaster when...
- 3** Phoebe falls madly in love with Mr Gellar and is told she'll die before the end of the week! Which just leaves...
- 4** Joey gets a gorgeous new room-mate (supermodel Elle McPherson) who takes over his life and fiat! Oh, and he finds a Porsche!

! PLOT LINES REVEALED



POP PLANNER

**Wednesday
JANUARY 26**

Five start rehearsals for their forthcoming tour today, wonder where they could be? Any ideas...



**Thursday
JANUARY 27**

Following **Friends** on Sky One tonight is the third episode in the new series of the brilliant **ER**.

**Friday
JANUARY 28**

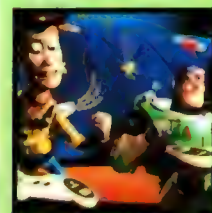
Hot teen movie stars **Mena** 'American Pie' **Suvari** and **Wes Bentley** shine in the brilliant, but very adult, comedy-drama **American Beauty**, out today.

**Saturday
JANUARY 29**

Nip down to your local book shop in time to pick up a copy of the new **Buffy** novel **Uninvited Guests** retailing at £8.99.

**Sunday
JANUARY 30**

It's **Toy Story Day** on The Disney Channel. Where you can see **Behind The Scenes Of Toy Story 2** at 3.30pm and the first **Toy Story** film later!



**Monday
JANUARY 31**

Jamie and Lisa Hepburn give presenting a go on **MTV Select** today between 4pm and 6pm.

**Tuesday
FEBRUARY 1**

Have you missed **Cleopatra**? Well fear not, they're back in their new series **In The House With Cleopatra** which is on CITV today at 4.40pm.

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FILMS AND VIDS



A ROOM FOR ROMEO BRASS (15)

Romeo Brass (Andrew Shim) is a schoolboy whose friendship with his greedy neighbour (Ben Marshall) is upset when they meet a strange loner (Paddy Considine). A small British film with amazing performances, **Romeo** starts off funny then suddenly becomes very frightening.



DOUBLE JEOPARDY (15)

A huge hit in America, this revenge thriller starts with a neat twist before turning into a conventional chase movie. Ashley Judd is the wrongly convicted woman on the run from grumpy parole officer Tommy Lee Jones (him from *The Fugitive*, in the same role basically). Not exactly brilliant, but with something for both boys and girls this'll make a pretty good date movie.

WING COMMANDER (PG)

Wing Commander is an action-packed sci-fi flick which is based on a computer game (boo!). It stars the *She's All That* dream team of Freddie Prinze Jr and Matthew 'Also in *Scream*' Lillard (yay!). On balance? Well, no surprises that it failed to score any points at the cinema, but now it's on the small screen it's probably worth a trip down to the local video shop. Especially if you're a Freddie fan.



OFFICE SPACE (15)

Another box office flop, this workplace comedy from the man behind cartoon comedy *Beavis and Butt-head* is yet another example of Jennifer Anis' somewhat less than brilliant career when she steps away from *Friends*. That said, it's actually pretty damn funny. Our Jen plays the girlfriend of Peter (Ron Livingston) who can't get fired from his crappy job in an office, no matter how hard he tries!



BANG ON!

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FACE OF THE FORTNIGHT!

ABOUT TO BE EVERYWHERE... **DAVID BOREANAZ**

POP PLANNER

Wednesday FEBRUARY 2

Keep 'em peeled for new Box Talks from **Brit Pack** and **Fierce** on **The Box**, Smash Hits you controll!



Thursday FEBRUARY 3

Fancy a laugh? Check out comedy girl group **Supergirl** at the Talk Of London (0171 771 2000) they perform all your favourite pop hits with a slight "twist"!

Friday FEBRUARY 4

New films released today include **The Big Tease** a Brit comedy about a Scottish hairdresser trying to make it in Hollywood! Also look out for the new **Aqua** Box Talk which is out today!

Saturday FEBRUARY 6

Why not laze in bed this morning and watch **CD:UK** when **Ant**, **Dec** and **Cat** get a little Sweet Love from **Fierce**.

Sunday FEBRUARY 6

Sundays are perfect for a stroll, so if you're in London check out the **Millennium Dome**, you could even ride the wheel... if it's working!

Monday FEBRUARY 7

New singles out today include **Hepburn**, **Shania Twain**, **Mariah Carey** and the fab single from **The Beach** soundtrack by **All Saints**!

Tuesday FEBRUARY 8

If you fancy something a little bit "different" check out **The Strangers** a new British comedy about alien invasions on Sky One tonight at 9pm. (Yes, a British comedy on Sky One!)



Poor Buffy, Angel's gone and left her. Lucky ol' us moody David Boreanaz is going solo with – wait for it – Angel! Since leaving Sunnydale, Angel's taken up residence in LA and is making up for all those past sins by helping people in trouble.

▶ He decided on a acting career aged seven when he saw Yul Brynner in classic musical *The King And I*, "that's when I knew I wanted to act too!"

▶ His first acting role was as a teenager in an ad for Foster's beer!

The Features

▶ After three seasons of chasing Buffy, Angel sees the reformed vampire joined by Cordelia (Charisma Carpenter) who moves to LA to pursue her showbiz dreams. And look for visits from old mates Oz (Seth Green) and even Buffy herself!

▶ Even though he's got his own show, David misses Buffy. "I loved the music, the editing and the very cool scripts" he reflects. And Sarah Michelle Gellar obviously misses David, on the first day of Angel she visited the set with a huge good luck cake!

The Facts

▶ David Boreanaz (pronounced Boree-ahn-as) was born May 16, 1971 in Buffalo, New York.

▶ Separated after two years of marriage, David lives in LA with his dog Bertha Blue.

▶ David doesn't want to play a vampire forever though, "I'd like to break into movies eventually," he grins.

● Catch David in *Angel* Fridays at 9pm on Sky One and in *Buffy Series Two* which is being repeated on BBC2, Thursdays at 6.45pm.

SOAP SPY

WHAT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER IN YOUR FAVE SOAP?

! PLOT LINES REVEALED



EASTENDERS

Revenge is sweet

Uh-oh! Look out! Steve's torment continues with missing mobiles and stalkers. And that's just for starters. He may have got away with Saskia's murder in the eyes of the law, but Steve finds himself a prisoner in

his own nightclub! Somebody wants revenge and they've got a deadly plan how to get it. Mmm, wonder if Matt really went to Italy...

CORONATION STREET

Guilty secrets

After the run-in over

his mum's birthday Tom decides it's time to leave Weatherfield, although Dougie tries his hardest to persuade him otherwise. Elsewhere, something's up with Sarah-Louise, she's not eating properly and lying to cover up when she does

eat. Will her guilty secret be discovered?

BROOKSIDE

Arch obsession

Jimmy's obsession with his 'arch' causes concern amongst his friends and causes him a terrible blow when the council get involved. Victoria tries to seduce one of the neighbours and Jacqui gets some bad news.

it's such a good idea. Elsewhere, Shauna is in for a shock when she discovers Harry's secret, how will she react?

HOLLYOAKS

Family feuds

Sam's in hot water and the only one who can possibly help him is Dan, but will he? Meanwhile,

Zara and her mum are arguing about William, will things be sorted when he comes for tea – or will it just make things worse? And Ruth catches Adam and Christine together in a compromising situation!

HOME AND AWAY

Shock discovery

Justine tells Tom she doesn't want him in her life anymore, putting him in a foul mood at home and at work. Mitch and Hayley make a friendship pact, but Irene doesn't think



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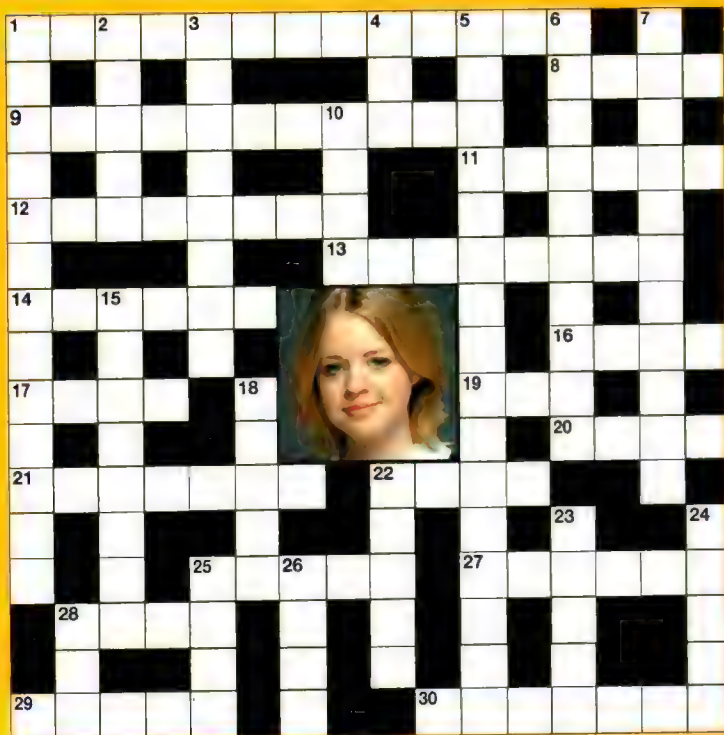
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- 1 See photo clue (7,6)
 8 This Michael was 20 in December (4)
 9 She's mum to Beppe, Gianni, Nicky and Teresa (4,2,5)
 11 Kidman married to Tom Cruise (6)
 12 Both *Casualty* and *Holby City* are based in one (8)
 13 *My Love Is* — (Whitney Houston) (4,4)
 14 *The* — *Mermaid* (6)
 16 Colour that proved a hit with Aerosmith (4)
 17 Macy Gray's debut hit (1,3)
 19 — South (TV show) (3)
 20 He's in *Aqua* with Lene (4)
 21 Cuddle — like a band (7)
 22 Chris —, star of *Lethal Weapon 4* (4)
 25 *Home And Away* regular played by Judy Nunn (5)
 27 Brosnan who's 007 (6)
 28 She sings with Skunk Anansie (4)
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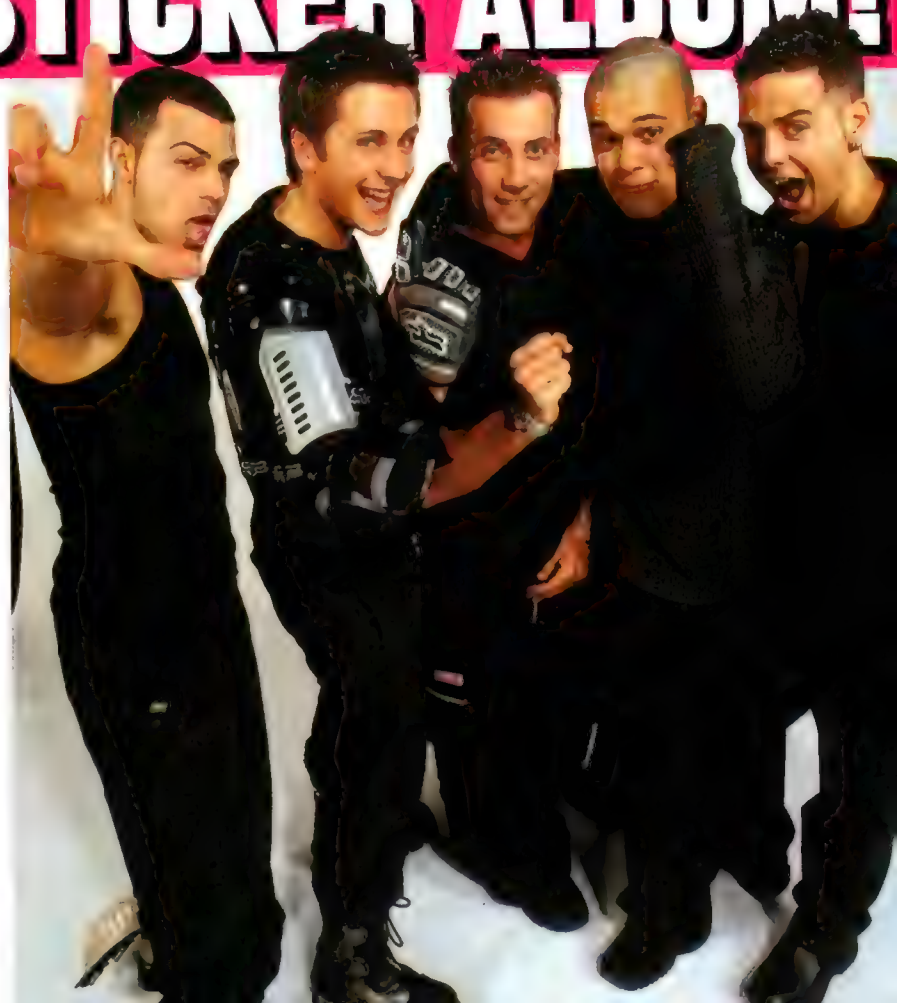
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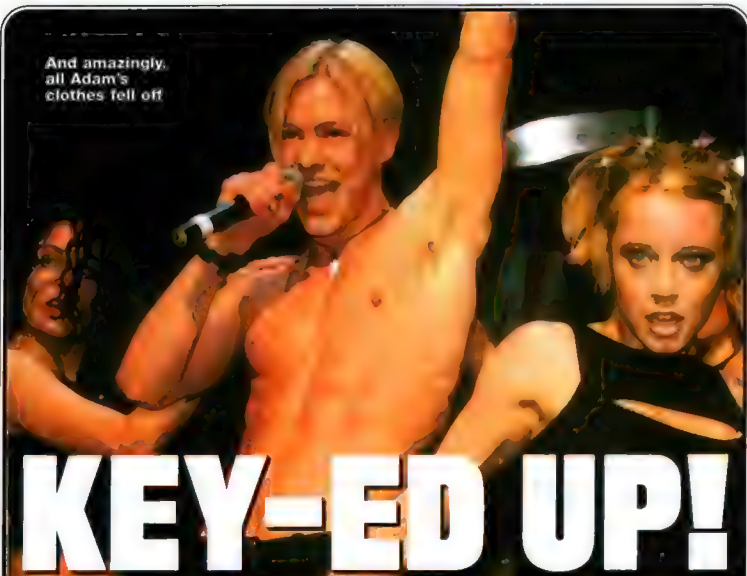




BANDWATCH

All the facts on your favourite acts!

And amazingly,
all Adam's
clothes fell off



KEY-ED UP!

On Sunday January 28 half of Planet Pop is descending on Manchester's Evening News Arena for Key 103's Helping Hand Appeal concert. Among the 40 artists at this pop extravaganza are **Gerri Halliwell**, **A1**, **Billie**, **Adam Rickitt**.

Hepburn, **Atomic Kitten**, **Vengaboys**, **Alice DeeJay** and **Honeyz**. The concert is in aid of the Christie's against Cancer Appeal. It may be sold out but don't panic just yet, the show will be recorded and aired on Key 103, on Sunday 30 sometime in the afternoon.

Mero

● The wee pop pair are back in London towards the end of January when they'll be appearing on *The Big*

Breakfast on January 28 and *SM:tv* (29). Then they'll be back off to Glasgow to prepare for the release of *It Must Be Love* in March.

Fan club: Mero Fanclub, PO Box 3737, Glasgow G5 9YF

Phoneline: 0906 1404040

Email: clubmero@aol.com

Website: www.mero.net

911

● The ickle fellas are forgetting their problems with their UK record company by jetting off to Asia (where

they're still v. popular) on February 13. They'll be travelling all over the gaff making appearances in a handful of different countries on their three week tour.

Fan club: 911 Fan Club, PO Box 20131 London W10 5FX

Phoneline: 0900 2 911 911

Website: c3.vmg.co.uk/911

Westlife

● The 'Loife are salsa-ing it up in Latin America this fortnight before nipping off to the US for a few days

promotional work. They'll be back in London towards the end of February when they'll get

ready for the release of their latest slowie (shocker!) *Fool Again*.

Information service: Westlife/Interact, Freepost (SW8031), PO Box 607, London SW6 4YY – you may be sent information about other acts as well as Westlife

Phoneline: 09018 800 123 – calls cost no more than 50p but ask the bill-payer first.

Website: www.bmg-backstage.co.uk.

All Saints

● If you've seen the adverts everywhere then you'll know "they're back." Well, this fortnight the girls are

appearing on all your favourite progs like *TFI* and *Live & Kicking*, so check your telly guides. One confirmed performance is on *The Big Brekkie!* The Saints will be appearing every morning of the week beginning February 7,

which is also the week the new single *Pure Shores* is out!

Fan club: None at the moment

Northern Line

● The lads have just won the CITV award for Best Newcomer Of 2000, so look out for them everywhere this

year. For a taster, check out for the new video for *Love On The Northern Line* on *The Box* which is released on February 21. They'll also be appearing at The Opera House in Bournemouth January 31, and February 4 in Rollers in Milton Keynes both of which are under-18s gigs.

Fan club: Northern Line, Freepost CV744, 3 Alveston Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 4BR

Website: www.northern-line.com

Phoneline: 0906 300 3300, calls cost 50p a minute.

Fierce

● With the pending release of *Sweet Love* (January 31) the Fierce ladies will be all over. Catch them on *The Disney*

Channel (27), *Nickelodeon* (28), *T4* (29), *Pepsi Chart* (February 3), *Mad For It* (4), *CD:UK* (5) and *Planet Pop* (6). Phew!

Fan club: Fierce, PO Box 30402, London NW6

Hotline: 0906 112424

B*Witched

● Ireland's pop princesses are in Europe at the moment doing interviews in Belgium. They've just shot the video for

their new single *Jump Down* which is released March 13 and will be back in the UK in February to start promotional work.

Fan club: B*Witched Fanclub, Dublin House, PO Box 20144, London W10 5FH

Website: www.b-witched.com

Backstreet Boys

● The BSB's are back mid-Feb with the third release off

Millennium – Show Me The Meaning. Sadly, they won't be over to promote it 'cos they'll be on the second leg of their mammoth US tour which starts February 7 in Pennsylvania.

Fan club: Fan Club Services, Backstreet Boys, PO Box 20, Manchester M60 3ED

Phoneline: 0900 916 6000

Website: www.backstreetboys.com

Steps

● The latest gos' on Steps is that they're off to South East Asia for a few days (working, not playing – we're assured!)

But they'll be back in Blighty sharpish as they've got a new single coming out! The gang will be releasing office fave *A Deeper Shade Of Blue* in March. Hurrah!

Fan club: Steps Fan Club, PO Box 2323, London W14 2NB

Spice Girls

● All's quiet in Spice camp, it seems the Spices are keeping schtum about their new stuff. If you went to the

Christmas gigs, you'll have heard the three new wicked tracks but it's a secret which is to be released and when. We'll keep you posted.

Fan club: Spice Girls Fanclub, PO Box 25777, London SW20 8WE

Website: c3.vmg.co.uk/spicegirls

Mel C's website: www.northern-star.com

Britney Spears

● Britters is recording tracks for her second album in

Orlando this fortnight. In between, she'll be slapping on the lip gloss and pouting for US mags promoting her US Arena tour which kicks off on March 8!

Fan club: No UK fan club yet, but there's an American one at: PO Box 7022 Red Bank, NJ 07701-7022, USA

Email: britney@peeps.com

Website: www.peeps.com/britney

BBMak

● It's Stateside for the 'Mak this Spring. The lads were set to release *Still On Your Side* this month, but have been

summoned by Disney! Yep, the lads have been lured abroad and are gonna be working on tracks, for use in Disney projects, as well as making a guest appearance on Disney shows such as *Sabrina The Teenage Witch*. The single will be released, but not 'til May!

Website: www.bbmak.co.uk

A1

● The boys have just got back from Japan and will be on all your fave progs like *CD:UK*, *Diggit*, and

Nickelodeon to sing you their smoochy Valentine's single *Like A Rose* as well as appearing at the Key 103 gig.

Info line: 0906 300 1300 (calls cost 50p per minute – check with whoever pays the bill before you ring)

Website: www.a1-online.com

Five

● Starting on January 26 the Five lads will be in rehearsals for their first ever tour. It kicks off on March 10 in Glasgow.

Before that though they've just got enough time to squeeze in a mini-tour in Japan starting February 3 and a UK single release on February 28. It's the third track from *Invincible* and it's called *Don't Wanna Let You Go*.

Fan club: Five, Lightwater, Surrey GU18 5RA

Website: www.five.co.uk

S Club 7

● The non-stop-working-machines formerly known as S Club are in LA for the next few weeks shooting their

second TV series. In between shooting they'll be popping over to Italy for the odd TV appearance. Do they never stop?

Fan club: S Club 7, Freepost CV744, 3 Alveston Place, Leamington Spa CV32 4BR

Website: www.sclub.com

All the new videos mentioned here can be seen on *The Box*. So check 'em all out pronto!

DEAR HELEN...

Feel cheated by your favourite celeb? Haven't got your money's worth? Or just in need of advice... then write to me: Dear Helen, *Smash Hits*, 2nd Floor, Mappin House, 4 Winsley Street, London W1N 7AR... and I'll get to the bottom of it. Plus every letter that gets printed will receive a fantastic *Smash Hits* pen

"I WANNA GO TO SM:tv"

Dear Helen... Me and my friend would really like to go and watch *SM:tv* and *CD:UK*. Could you please tell me how to get hold of some tickets.

Sarah Gibbons, Middlesex

So you fancy catching a glimpse of yourself on the telly then do ya? To be in with a chance to schmoose with

Ant and Dec and mingle with all their celebrity guests, you have to be aged between 8 to 14, then you need to write to *SM:tv* Live, PO Box 2772, London, W1A 5HG, giving your name, address and telephone number (and obviously a brilliant reason why you should be on the telly!). You'll then be put on a waiting list and fingers crossed it won't be long before your faithful postie will be delivering some tickets through your door! With *CD:UK* you need to be 16 or over and this time there's a phone number you have

to call - 0171 287 0045. Good luck and I'll keep my eyes peeled!

"Are B*Witched releasing a concert album?"

Dear Helen... I went to B*Witched's concert in Cardiff and it was amazing. I was

wondering if they were bringing out a video of one of their concerts, I'd love to see it again.

B*Witched's Biggest Fan, Gloucestershire

I hope you've saved some of your Christmas money,

'cos Keavy, Edele, Sinéad and Lindsay were definitely filmed during their UK tour for a brilliant live video to be released later in the year. It should feature all the girls' biggest hits on it, plus loads of their new stuff you heard exclusively on the tour. Watch this space for more inside news...



B*Witched look down at 'Scopes'

"Please give me Lolly's address!"

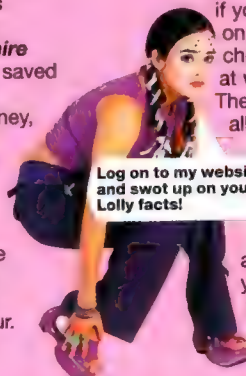
Dear Helen... I'm a big fan of Lolly and like all her fans I want to know all the top info and gossip on her. Does she have a fan club set up yet or is there another address all her budding fans can write to?

Clarion O'Brian, Middlesex

The lurvely Lolly sadly doesn't have a fan club in operation, but her spokeo told me there is one in the pipeline, it should open later in the year. In the meantime

if you wanna catch up on the latest Lolly info, check out the website at www.lolly.uk.com. There, you can learn all the lyrics to all of Lolly's hit

Log on to my website and swot up on your Lolly facts!



singles, there is a fun wordsearch to do and there's also a chatroom for you to get in contact with other Lolly fans! What are you waiting for?

'ScOpEs' 'ScOpEs' 'ScOpEs' 'ScOpEs'

Your stars for Jan 26 - Feb 8 by Elektra

ARIES

MAR 21 - APR 20

Brothers, sisters, mums, dads, in fact, ALL relatives will be a pain in the butt for almost all Arians. They're causing trouble but losing your cool won't help.



TAURUS

APR 21 - MAY 21

You're a bit bored with your mates - they're SO DULL sometimes. Spend a few nights in your own pleasant company (a truly Tauran thing to do). Give it a go and see...



GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUN 21

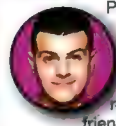
Venus has left your opposite sign and you realise something very important about a close friend. This benefits you and could help your friend. And - let's face it - they NEED help.



CANCER

JUN 22 - JUL 23

Passionate Venus has moved into your partnership chart and this bodes well for romance. In fact a friend of the opposite sex may become a snogging partner this fortnight. Co-er!



LEO

JUL 24 - AUG 23

You and yours have had some miserable rows in recent weeks, but certain friends realise that you're right and they're wrong. What deep (almost sadistic) joy that brings you!



VIRGO

AUG 24 - SEP 23

Hiding away from the world won't solve anything. So come out of your hidey-hole and talk your feelings through with someone you trust - it won't be as difficult as you think.



LIBRA

SEP 24 - OCT 23

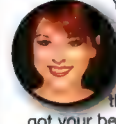
You've spent enough time working and although you've never liked the winter months, you feel like getting out and having fun. Do it - it'll be good for your soul!



SCORPIO

OCT 24 - NOV 22

You'd be well advised to ignore the advice of an older friend, as this person hasn't got your best interests at heart. But you knew that all along, didn't you?



SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23 - DEC 21

You're in a madly extravagant mood and if you feel you deserve a treat, that pink piggy bank will be smashed open without a moment's hesitation. Hold on to those purse strings!



CAPRICORN

DEC 22 - JAN 20

You're normally very down-to-earth, but this fortnight you could be feeling all emotional, especially around the 31st. Don't fret - you'll be back to normal before you know it.



AQUARIUS

JAN 21 - FEB 19

You're at your most popular and can persuade your mates to do whatever you want. You feel in the mood for organising too, so stick with mates who don't mind being bossed about!



PISCES

FEB 20 - MAR 20

Certain people in your life are getting a tad fed up of the way you treat them. If you want them to feel better, you'll have to be less superficial and speak from your heart.



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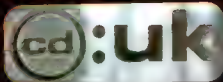
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SMASH HITS

behind the scenes at



Ber-limey... people seem to be taking this CD:UK lark seriously. **Justin** is wearing the same outfit he wore in his video, **Neil Tennant** from the **Pet Shop Boys** has brought his frightwig, **Donell Jones** has bought a swanky new Kangol hat and the cast of **Dream Team** have brought themselves!

But no-one has gone to quite as much trouble to get ready as **Mint Royale**, whose poor puffing press officer was purple after she spent an hour and a half blowing up a giant inflatable mint for their performance!

Justin, meanwhile, is still reeling from his New Year disappointment. "I was at the Radio 1 Dance Party, but all these Glasgow hardmen started recognising me and I had to leave early!" Which explains why Justin, obviously trying to boost his Glasgow street cred, was spotted trying to make off with prizewinners Elliot and Cameron's new stereo – the cheeky beggar!

Elsewhere, Just was specially anxious to meet R'n'B smoothie **Donell Jones**. "I've been listening to his album for months – it's brilliant!" he told us.

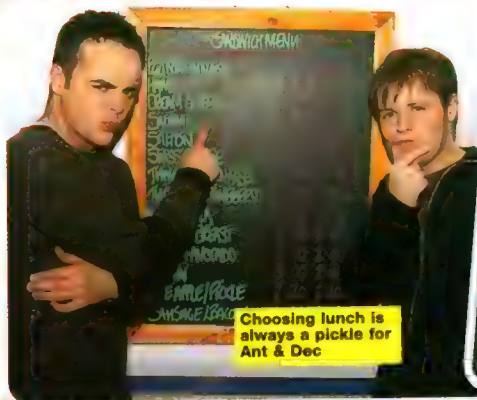
And after *Smash Hits* sorts this out, Donell pumped us for the dilly on the best London nightclubs. Going out tonight, then? "Oh yeah!" chuckled the man, who admitted he might be sending two Valentine's cards this year...

Meanwhile, Neil Tennant has his own confession to make. The Pet Shop Boy 'fesses up that even though, he used to be deputy editor of *Smash Hits* (way back in 1982!), he's not a big pop fan! "Nowadays, all the songs tend to be big Radio 2 kinda ballads," he sniffs. "Mind you, er, our brand new single (a *ballad*) was Radio 2's single of the week last week." Doh!

Britpack are still reeling from their performances on the *Smash Hits* Tour, straight after their spell in *Boyband: The Musical*. "**Five, Steps, Scooch, A1** and **S Club 7** and **Neil Tennant** came to see it," he said, "and then we met **Westlife**, **Point Break** and **Northern Line** on the *Smash Hits* Tour." Rich "Pack has an even greater claim to fame. "**Mikey Boyzone** taught me the guitar chords to **Take That's** *Back For Good* on tour!" These boys obviously live the good life...



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Choosing lunch is always a pickle for Ant & Dec



Pack it in, Damien



"Sandwiches, sandwiches!" Justin earns a spot of extra cash



Donell knows what's up-on his head – his new hat



Dainton and his bodyguard Neil Tennant or is it the other way round



The Mint Royale lads hang up their portable Lauren Laverne

HE'S 19, HE PLAYS FOOTBALL, HE'S FROM LIVERPOOL BUT HE'S NOT THE NEW MICHAEL OWEN



Meet Phil Barmantine, star of Sky One football fest, *Dream Team*. Six, how come you're qualified to play a footballer?
"I was in Liverpool's youth team. I didn't know Michael, but I knew friends of his. Everyone knew he was going to make it."
So how did you end up on telly?
"I didn't quite make it as a footballer, so I went into theatre and was asked to audition for *Dream Team*. I can't believe how well it's done."
So you've left football, then?
"No, I still see some current footballers like Francis Jeffers (Everton's own Michael Owen) and Neil 'Razor' Ruddock (West Ham United and England) told me all the pros with *Dream Team*.
Anything else you want to tell us?
"Quite like *Brilliant* Special."
No surprise there then...



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Recent shows have seen Westlife crooning their Christmas single *I Have A Dream* and S Club 7 with their smoochie *Two In A Million*. The Artful Dodger and Alice DeeJay pumped up the volume with their dancy numbers *Rewind* and *Back In My Life* whilst dancers touched up their make-up in the ladies, ker-azyl! If you fancy being part of this fantastic live event, it's simple!

Tickets are only available to competitions winners on 95.8 Capital FM. You can enter on weekdays between 4pm and 8pm on *Drive Time* with Dr Fox, or between 8pm and 11pm on James Cannon's evening show. It's simple, all you have to do is correctly name the music clips played on the show and call the Capital @ home hotline on 07000 958 958 (calls should cost no more than a first class stamp) or log on to www.capitalFM.com between those times. It's as easy as that!



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The Artful Dodger
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SMASH HITS

TOP 20

ACE STUFF THE SMASH HITS OFFICE CAN'T STOP TALKING ABOUT!

1 NEW SPICE CD

▲ (9)

We were all excited about new Spice then we heard *Woman, Right Back At You* and especially *Holler Holler* live and now we're really excited!!!



2 JANUARY SALES

NEW!

No money left? Us neither.. Don't stop, though!

3 FRIENDS - THE MOVIE THE SIXTH SERIES

► (3)

The movie may still be a pipe dream, but the new series is on Sky now! Yipee!

4 CHEAPER CDS

▲ (6)

One good thing about January sales is that CDs are cheaper. Like now!

5 ANGEL

NEW!

Buffy's loss is our gain! David Boreanaz is out on his own but he's still mean, moody and magnificent!

6 SNOWGLOBE PHOTO FRAMES

NEW!



Stick yer pic in, shake and watch it snow - ace!

7 AIBO

▲ (11)

This fortnight we have taught our robo-dog AIBO to roll over, beg and write the next cover feature. Woof!

8 PUPPIES

NEW!

They're even better than robo-dogs! Just ask H

9 JESSICA SIMPSON

NEW!

The new US superstar has been a bit poorly recently but we still luv 'er.

10 POKÉMON

▼ (5)

Have you seen Ant & Dec's verish? Inspired...



11 THE COWBOY LOOK

NEW!

Planet Pop is heading (wild) west for winter. Start with a stetson, add some tassels and - hey! - you're a cowboy!

12 VALENTINE'S DAY

NEW!

Call us soppy ol' fools ("you're all soppy fools!") but even though it's still January we're already getting excited...

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SNOW

Look, it's bleedin' cold enough so let's just get on with the snow, hey? Great big heaps of it!

CHRISTINA AGUILERA DOLL

It had to happen, we had to buy it. Sand (for rolling in) not included

15 RECYCLED CHRISTMAS TREES

NEW!

Go green for next Christmas by recycling (ie planting) your old tree. Of course, if you haven't planted by now, don't come pine-ing to us (You're fired - Ed!)

16 MADASUN

NEW!

If you caught 'em supporting Boyzone you already know this new girl trio are a bit different and a bit special. More atomic. Less kitten

17 BEVERLY KNIGHT

RE!

Back in the chart 'cos not only is the soul diva a fan of A1 and Westlife but she carries *Smash Hits Dance Party* CD in her bag!

18 DREAMCAST

(14)

Still hangin' on in the chart thanks mainly to the *Soul Calibur* game John H got for Christmas. More fun than a fist fight any day

19 "I HATE YOU SO MUCH RIGHT NOW"

NEW!

We don't mean it. It's crazy new pop chick Kelis's funny ol' catchphrase for 2000

20 BEING SCOTTISH

NEW!

Mero, Justin, Burns Night, beating England at Wembley, our Ed, the cold: yep, it's a good time to live north of the border. (You can keep your job - Ed)



Keep your eyes peeled for the next issue of *Smash Hits*, in time for Valentine's Day. It's out on February 9.

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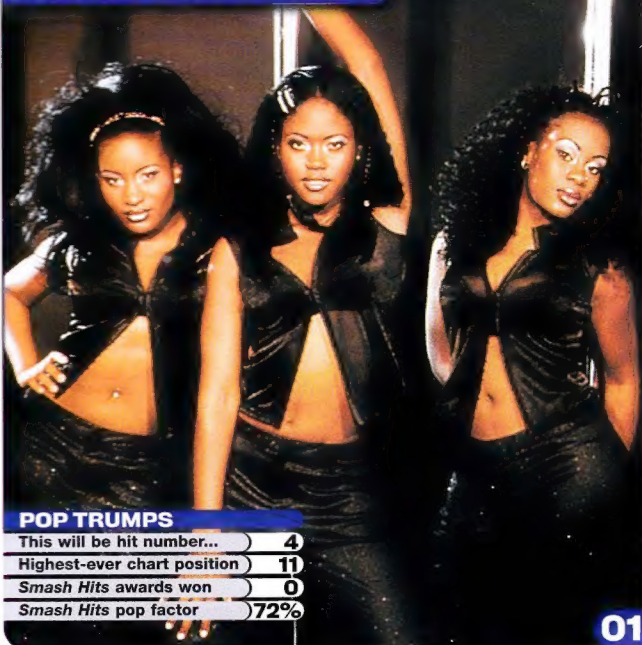
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POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number... 4
 Highest-ever chart position 11
 Smash Hits awards won 0
 Smash Hits pop factor 72%

01

Ann Lee Voices



POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number... 2
 Highest-ever chart position 2
 Smash Hits awards won 0
 Smash Hits pop factor 70%

02

Fiona Apple Fast As You Can



POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number... 1
 Highest-ever chart position -
 Smash Hits awards won 0
 Smash Hits pop factor 69%

05

YOUNGSTOWN

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Tamperer featuring Maya Hammer To The Heart



POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number... 3
 Highest-ever chart position 1
 Smash Hits awards won 0
 Smash Hits pop factor 79%

07

Gabrielle Rise



POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number... 11
 Highest-ever chart position 1
 Smash Hits awards won 0
 Smash Hits pop factor 76%



you'll find
 this single on
 listening posts
 in Our Price
 stores.



08

Written by M Soncini/A Gordon/P Sears. Published by 1999 Energy Production SRL. On London Records

Do, do, do, do, do, do, do (Repeat five times)	Sometimes it runs over me so wild It makes me feel like a lonely child To get on by I want to understand
From time to time there's an emptiness A little something I surely miss Say what it is, and will it ever pass Sometimes it flows over me so strong My heart is saying there's something wrong To get along, make me understand	(Repeat chorus)
	Do, do, do, do, do, do, do (Repeat six times)
	Can you hear them Running around in my mind Running around in my head You know I don't sleep at night They're always in my brain They're everywhere Time after time and all over again And they tell me that I'm empty inside Somewhere deep inside
(Chorus) Voices – speak of loving, ooh Voices – in my mind Voices – tell me something Something that I (something that I) can understand	(Repeat chorus)
Sometimes I move in an open space Have I deserved to feel like this I really miss something to everlasting	

SMASH HITS Songwords Collection 02

Four-Digit Code: 1091

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Y O U N G S T O W N

Fierce Sweet Love

Written by Baker/Johnson/Bilas. Published by Old Brompton Road Music (ASCAP) Admin. Jobete Co Inc.
On Wildstar Records

Sweet love (feels kinda like this)	There's no stronger love in this world
One love (start getting in the mix)	Oh baby no, you're my man I'm your girl
Sweet love (feels kinda like that)	I'll never go, wait and see can't be wrong
The sweetest love you're giving	(don't you know)
Ooh, sweet love (uh, uh, c'mon, uh, uh, yeah)	Don't you know this is where you belong
With all my heart I love you, baby	Oh, how sweet (sweet love), yeah, yeah
Stay with me and you will see	Heart me calling out your name (your name)
My arms will hold you, baby	I feel (yeah) no shame
Never leave 'cos I believe	I'm in love (sweet love), sweet love
	Don't you ever go away
	It'll always be this way
(Chorus)	
I'm in love, sweet love	Sweet love (feels kinda like this)
Heart me calling out your name	Real love (start getting in the mix)
I feel no shame	Sweet love (feels kinda like that)
I'm in love, sweet love (oh)	Baby, I still believe in
Don't you ever go away	Sweet love (it's kinda like this)
It'll always be this way	Real love (start getting in the mix)
Your heart has called me closer to you (baby)	Sweet love (it's kinda like that)
I will be all that you need	The sweetest love of all (oh)
Just trust in what we're believing	I'm in love, sweet love (sweet love)
Never leave 'cos baby I believe	Oh, no, sweeter love
	I'm in love, sweet love (sweet love)
In this love, sweet love	Sweet love, yeah (I'm in love, I'm in love)
Heart me calling out your name	I'm in love, sweet love (sweet love)
I feel no shame	Uh, uh, uh, uh (start deep)
I'm in love (I'm in love) sweet love (sweet love)	Uh, uh, uh, uh
Don't you ever go away	I'm in love, sweet love (sweet love)
It'll always be this way	Uh, uh, uh, uh (feels good)
	Uh, uh, uh, uh (y'know we cut it like that)
	Sweet love

SMASH HITS Songwords Collection 01

Four-Digit Code: 1090

Fiona Apple Fast As You Can

Written by Fiona Apple. Published by FHW Music (ASCAP). On Columbia Records

I let the beast in too soon
I don't know how to live without your hand
 on his throat
I fight him always and still
Oh darling, it's so sweet you think you
 know how crazy
How crazy I am
You say you don't speak else
You won't cope, but I know
And I pray that you will

Fast as you can, baby
Run free yourself of me
 Fast as you can

I may feel soft in your palm
But I'll soon grow hungry for a fight
And I will not let you win
My pretty mouth will frame the phrases
That will disprove your faith in man
So if you catch me trying to find my way
Into your heart from under your skin

Fast as you can, baby
Scratch me out, free yourself
 Fast as you can
Fast as you can, baby
Scratch me, I'll free yourself
 Fast as you can

Sometimes my mind don't shake and shift

But most of the time it does
And I'll get to a place where I'm begging for a lift
Or I'll drown in the wonders and the was
And I'll be your girl if you say it's a gift
And you give me some more of your
Yay, I'll be your pet if you just tell me it's a gift
Because I'm tired of whys, choking on whys,
I just need a little because, because

I let the beast in
And then I even tried forgiving him
But it's too soon so I'll fight again, again, again,
again, again
And for a little while more I'll soar the
uneven wind
Complain and blame, the sterile land
But if you're getting any bright ideas
Quiet dear, I'm blooming within

Fast as you can, baby
Wait, watch me
I'll be out
Fast as I can
Maybe late but at least about
Fast as you can leave me
Let this thing run its route
Fast as you can
Fast as you can
Fast as you can
Fast as you can

SMASH HITS Songwords Collection 05

Four-Digit Code: 1094

Gabrielle Rise

Written by Bob Dylan/F Unger-Hamilton/Ollie Dagois. Published by Sony Music/Perfect Songs/Copyright Control.
On Go! Beat Records

Mmm, mmm	(Mmm) but the truth was hard to find I'd better think twice (mmm) I know That I'll get over you
(Mmm) I know that it's over (Mmm) but I can't believe we're through (Mmm) they say that time's a healer, yeah (Mmm) and I'm better without you It's gonna take time (mmm) I know But I'll get over you	(Repeat chorus)
(Chorus)	(Mmm) much time has passed between us, mmm
Look at my life	(Mmm) do you still think of me at all
Look in my heart	(Mmm) my world of broken promises
I have seen them fall apart	(Mmm) now you won't catch me when I fall
But now I'm ready (mmm) to rise again	(Repeat chorus)
Just look at my hopes (mmm)	(Look in my life) yes, I'm gonna rise
Look at my dreams	Make it all right
I'm building bridges from the scenes	I'm gonna be who I wanna be, yeah, baby
Now I'm ready (mmm) to rise again	Yeah, yeah
(Mmm, mmm)	(Look in my life)
(Mmm) caught up in my thinking, yeah	I'm gonna make it all right, I'm gonna make it all right
(Mmm) like a prisoner in my mind	I'm gonna make it all right, I'm gonna make it all right
(Mmm) you pose so many questions	

SMASH HITS Songwords Collection 08

Four-Digit Code: 1097

Tamperer featuring Maya Hammer To The Heart

Written by B Lawrie/P Barry/M Taylor/Pariman and Ace 45/Kinane. Published by Sony Music Publishing/Rive Droite Music Publishing/Copyright Control/TG Publishing. On Pepper Records

Boom, boom
 Boom, boom
 Boom, boom, boom
 Like a hammer to the heart
 Just one look at you, oh baby

 I saw you in a picture
 That hung on the wall
 My sister told me you were the bomb
 There was no attraction
 But you, was I wrong
 Now you're my favourite lie
 In my favourite song
 You and your persistence
 Blew off my resistance

 (Chorus)
 Boom, boom, boom
 Like a hammer to the heart
 Just one look at you
 And baby, I was blown apart
 Boom, boom, boom
 Yeah, I knew right from the start
 This was something new, oh baby
 Hammer to the heart
 Hammer to the heart

 You knew what you were doing
 When you hit the spot
 Sexual messiah
 You know what you got (show it to me)
 Take me to heaven, let's keep it hot
 And show me the tricks
 That the devil forgot
 Come on boy erotic
 You're my love narcotic

 (Repeat chorus)
 Boom, boom
 Got a craving for my love narcotic
 Boom, boom
 Sending message to my boy erotic
 Boom, boom
 Now our love's exploding like a rocket
 Boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom

 You and your persistence
 Blew off my resistance

 Boom, boom (like a hammer)
 Boom, boom (to the heart)
 Boom, boom (like a hammer, like a hammer, like a hammer)
 Boom, boom (like a hammer, like a hammer, like a hammer)

 Boom, boom, boom
 Like a hammer to the heart
 Just one look at you
 And baby, I was blown apart ☺
 Boom, boom, boom
 Yeah, I knew right from the start
 This was something new, oh baby
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A1 Like A Rose

Written by Ben Adams. Published by Copyright Control. On Columbia Records

And as I look into your eyes
I see an angel in disguise
Sent from God above for me to love
To hold and idolise

And as I hold your body near
I'll see this month through to a year
And then forever on 'til life is gone
I'll keep your loving near

And now I've finally found my way
To lead me down this lonely road
All I have to do is follow you
To lighten off my load

(Chorus)

You treat me like a rose
You give me room to grow
You shone the light of love on me
And gave me air so I can breathe
You open doors that close
In a world where anything goes
You give me strength so I stand tall
Within this bed of earth
Just like a rose

And when I feel like hope is gone
You give me strength to carry on
Each time I look at you
There's something new
To keep our lovin' strong

I hear you whisper in my ear (whisper in my ear)
All of the words I long to hear (words I long to hear)

Of how you'll always be here next to me
To wipe away my tears

And now I've finally found my way
To lead me down this lonely road
All I have to do is follow (is all I have to do) you
To lighten off my load

(Repeat chorus)

And though the seasons change
Our love remains the same (just like a rose)
You face the thunder
When the sunshine turns to rain (just like a rose, ah, ah)

You treat me like a rose (you treat me like a rose)
You give me room to grow (you give me room to grow)
You shone the light of love on me
And gave me air so I can breathe
You open doors I close (ah)
In a world where anything goes
You give me strength so I stand tall
Within this bed of earth
Just like a rose

Woah, like a rose (just like a rose)
No (ah, ah, ah)
Yeah, you treat me like a rose (just like a rose)
No, no, no, no (ah)
You give me strength so I stand tall
Within this bed of earth
Just like a rose

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Four-Digit Code: 1093

Adam Rickitt The Best Thing

Written by A Rickitt/Jewels and Stone. Published by Copyright Control/Digger Music. On Polydor Records

(Best thing, best thing, best thing, best thing,
best thing, best thing)

Didn't you know you're the best thing (best thing,
best thing)
Didn't you know you're the best thing (best thing,
best thing)
Didn't you know you're the best thing (best thing,
best thing)

It's taken time for me to find
That the one true path was right before my eyes
Oh, was I blind not to see
That you're really something
You were made for me
And who can tell me, baby
The reason or the rhyme
You've got me hooked
You get me every time

(Chorus)

Didn't you know you're the best thing
Have I ever told you
You fill my soul (you fill my soul)
You make it right
Didn't I say you're the best thing
Now I really know you
You put the light (you put the light) into my life

Didn't you know you're the best thing (best
thing, best thing)

I never hoped to understand
Thought to love somebody
Was a dreamer's hand
I found it all a mystery
Ah, but you made me give so very easily
And when I'm with you, baby
I fall into your arms
What man alive could resist your charms

(Repeat chorus twice)

Didn't you know you're the best thing (best
thing, best thing)
Didn't you know you're the best thing (best
thing, best thing)
Didn't you know you're the best thing (best
thing, best thing)

(Best thing, best thing, best thing, best thing)

And who can tell me, baby
The reason or the rhyme
You've got me hooked
You get me every time

(Repeat chorus three times)

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Four-Digit Code: 1092

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Backstreet Boys Show Me The Meaning Of Being Lonely

Written by Max Martin/Herbert Cichlow. Published by Grantsville Publishing Ltd/Zomba Music Publishing and
Mega Song Publishing APS. On Jive Records

Show me the meaning of being lonely

So many words for the broken heart
It's hard to see in a crimson love
So hard to breathe
Walk with me and maybe
Nights of light so soon become
Wild and free I can feel the sun
Your every wish will be done
They tell me

Show me the meaning of being lonely
Is this the feeling I need to walk with
Tell me why I can't be there where you are
There's something missing in my heart

Life goes on as it never ends
Eyes of stone observe the trends
They never say forever gaze, if only
Guilty roads to an endless love (endless love)
There's no control
Are you with me now
Your every wish will be done
They tell me

Show me the meaning of being lonely

Is this the feeling I need to warn me
(Tell me why) tell me why I can't be there
where you are
There's something missing in my heart

There's nowhere to run
I have no place to go
Surrender my heart body and soul
How can it be you're asking me
To feel the things you never showed

You are missing in my heart
Tell me why can't I be there where you are

Show me the meaning of being lonely
Is this the feeling I need to warn me
(Tell me why) tell me why I can't be there where
you are (where you are)
There's something (you are missing in my
heart) missing
In my heart
Show me the meaning of being lonely
(being lonely)

Is this the feeling I need to warn me
(Tell me why) tell me why
I can't be there where you are (where you are)
There's something missing in my heart

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Four-Digit Code: 1098

Hepburn Deep Deep Down

Written by Gary Clark/Ashen Dachtier/Thomas Nocito. Published by Chrysalis Music Ltd/Strong Songs Publishing
Ltd. On Columbia Records

Do, do, do, do
Do, do, do, do
Do, do, do, do, do
Do, do, do, do, do
Do, do, do, do, do

Where we live when you have no-one to turn to
To hold you when you're down
This is a sad old town
Worried soul, do you have no place to go now
No place to settle down
This is a sad old town, but it's a town

(Chorus)

Have you ever been down (have you ever
been down)
Have you ever been way down (have you ever
been way down)
Have you ever been deep, deep down (have you
even been deep, deep down)
Have you ever been way down (have you ever
been way down)
Have you ever been way down (have you ever
been way down)

Missing man, have you fallen by the wayside
You've no more past to drown
This is a sad old town

Where we live there are winners being losers
It all gets spun around
This is a sad old world
This is a sad old world, but it's my world

Have you ever been down
Have you ever been way down
Have you ever been deep, deep down
Have you ever been way down (have you ever
been way down)
Have you ever been way down (have you ever
been way down)
Have you ever been way down (have you ever
been way down)

Do, do, do, do
Do, do, do, do, do, do
Have you ever been down
Do, do, do, do
Do, do, do, do, do, do, do
Have you ever been down (do, do, do, do, do,
do, do, do, do)
Have you ever been way down
Have you ever been (do, do, do, do, do,
do, do, do, do) deep, deep down
Have you ever been way down

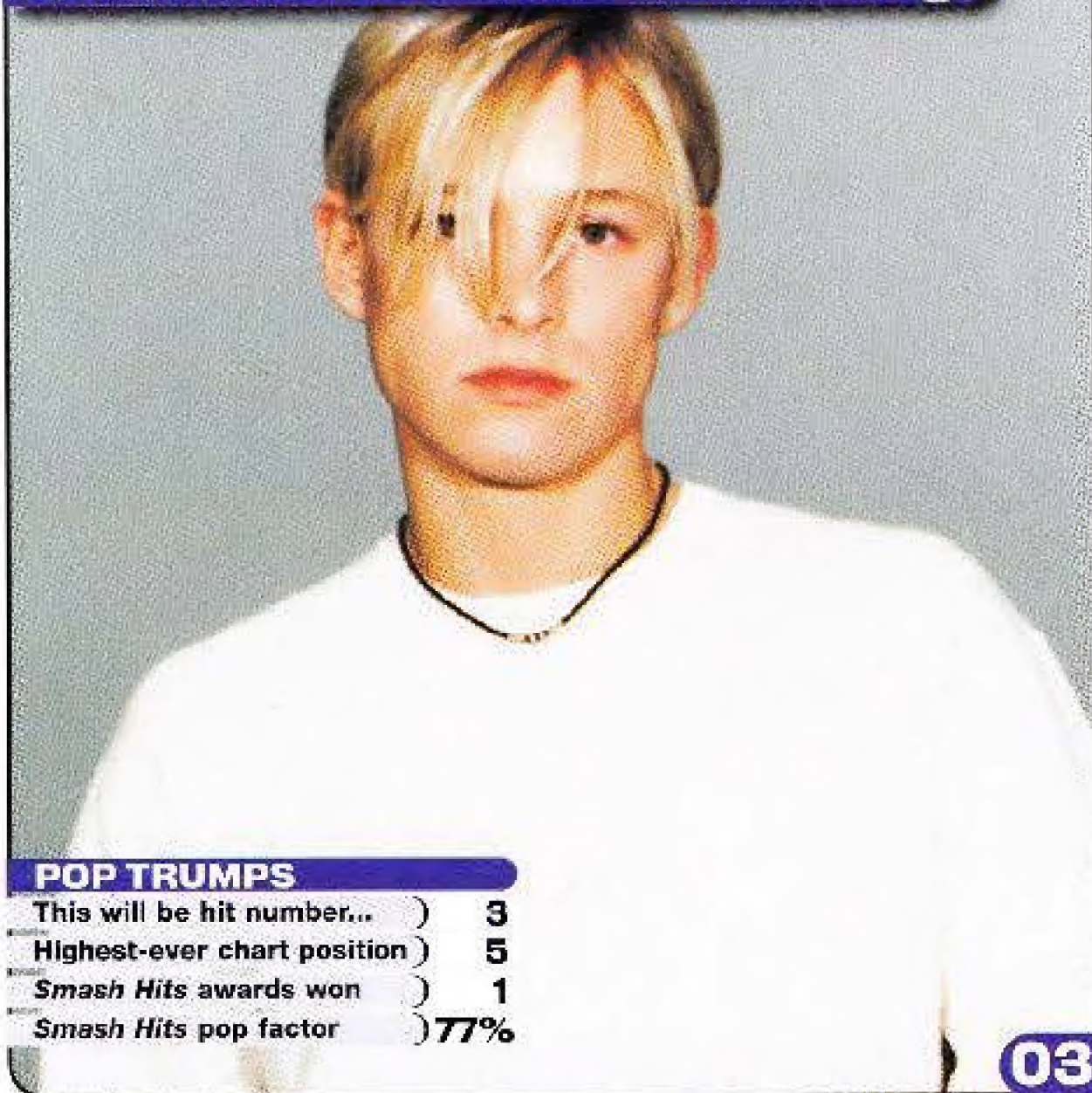
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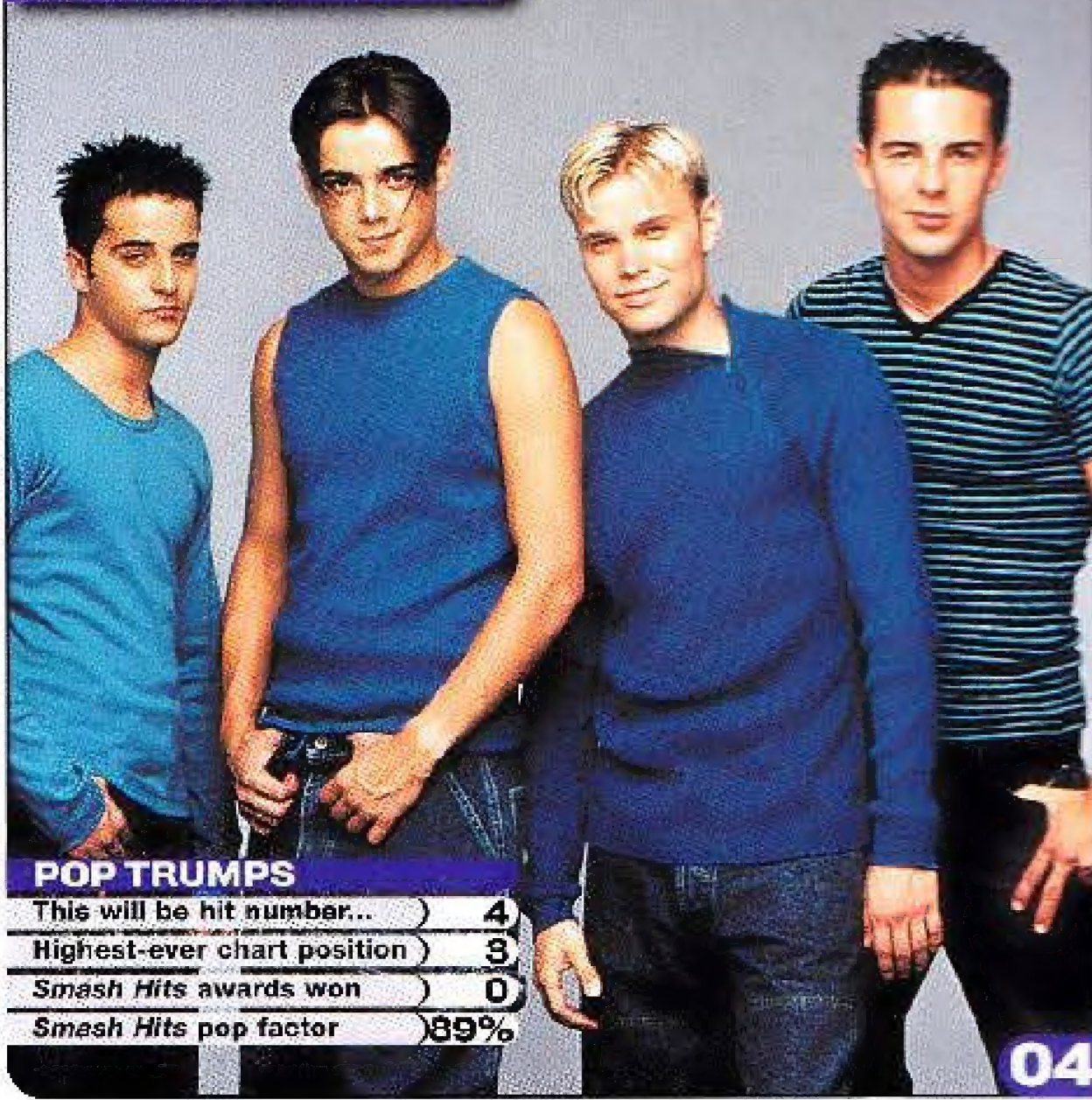


POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number...	3
Highest-ever chart position	5
Smash Hits awards won	1
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A1 Like A Rose

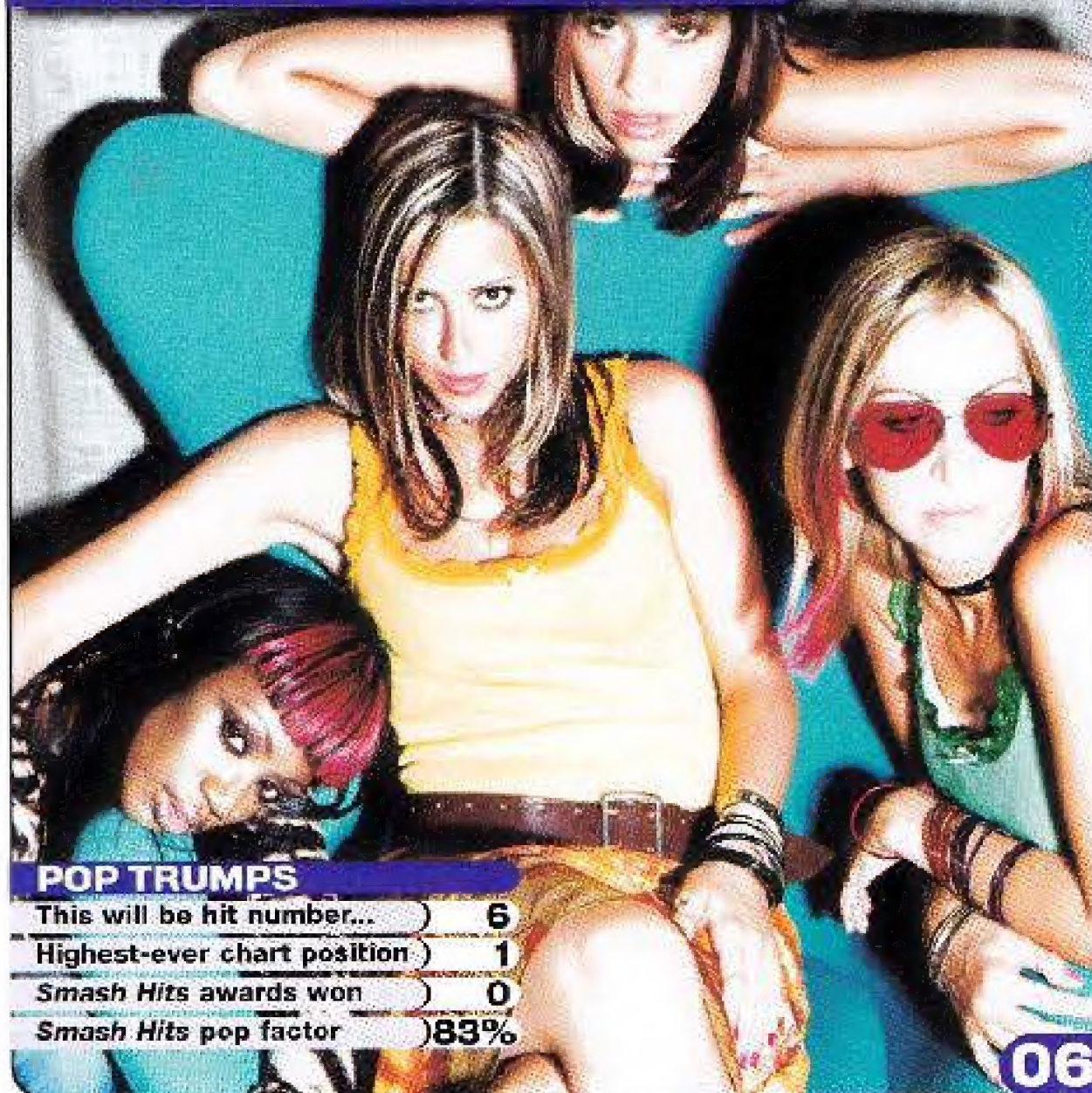


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This will be hit number...	4
Highest-ever chart position	3
Smash Hits awards won	0
Smash Hits pop factor	89%

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All Saints Pure Shores



POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number...	6
Highest-ever chart position	1
Smash Hits awards won	0
Smash Hits pop factor	83%

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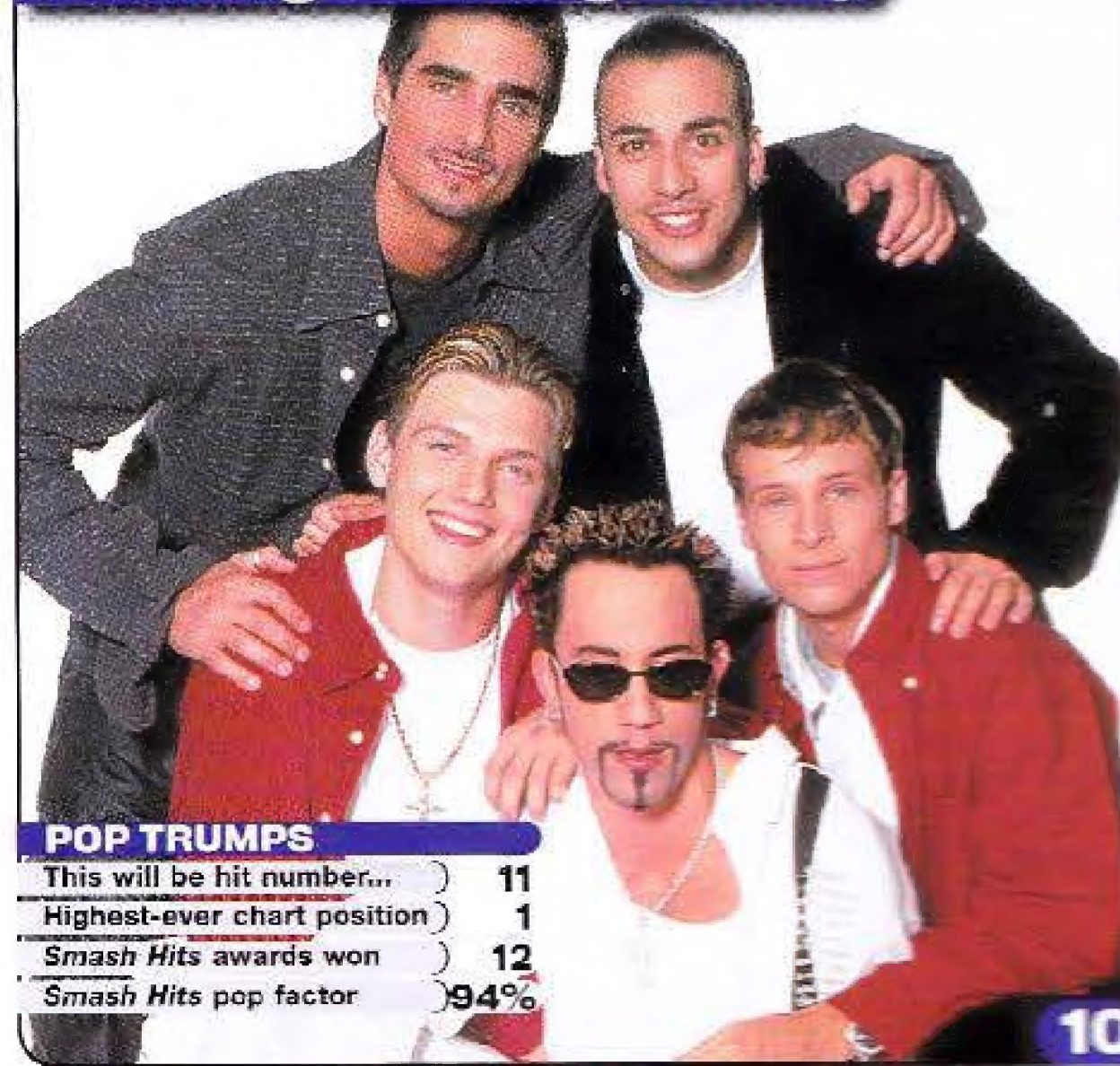


POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number...	3
Highest-ever chart position	8
Smash Hits awards won	0
Smash Hits pop factor	73%

09

Backstreet Boys Show Me The Meaning Of Being Lonely



POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number...	11
Highest-ever chart position	1
Smash Hits awards won	12
Smash Hits pop factor	94%

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